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Welcome

We hope you are all enjoying this warm weather. Lots of you will be focusing on leavers/graduation parties, sports days and celebrations as we head towards the end of term. We hope these go well.

We know too that you will be planning for September with new starters and all that brings. Remember the Business and Finance teams are here to support you with any questions, queries or help you may need so please get in touch.

If you have any questions please email [EY Business Support, EYfunding@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:EYfunding@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or [Wraparound Team](#)

Early Years SEND Provision for Gloucestershire 2025 - Responses Urgently Needed

Please can we ask all providers to complete the following survey regarding SEND which we need to feedback into DfE to help them gain a better understanding of the needs of children in our early years settings. [Early Years Consultation 2025 | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

Information should be submitted by 4th July 2025 - Thank you.

Charging Guidance and Support

We have been working with some providers on this already.

This is just advance notice that the Business and Finance teams will be starting to look at whether provider policies, procedures and invoicing systems are compliant with the DfE statutory guidance in time for the January 2026 deadline. We aim start contacting providers in October 2025 which will give you time to get back into the term and get new starters settled in.

Please look at the video that is on the Childcare Works site. This has been created by provider, Lucy Lewin, to share how she has looked at her processes for charging to ensure they are compliant.

Invoicing, Consumables, and Charging Structures -
childcareworks.org.uk

Here are links to the DfE documents as well:

Early Education and childcare - GOV.UK

Please remember that unless otherwise stated in the guidance, this will be effective from April 2025.

By January 2026 at the latest you must:

- publish details about parental charges on your website or

Glofamilies website

- have itemised invoices in place for parental charges

NB there are some exceptions to the publication of details if you are a childminder so please check the guidance.

We are currently updating our own FAQs and will share these in the next bulletin.

If you would like the team to look at any documents before this, please use the EY Business email (eybusinesssupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk) and we will happily help you.

Opening Today – 1 July 2025

Early Years Expansion and Wraparound Childcare Grants Application Window

Yes – we are ready for the next round of providers who wish to create or expand their Early Years or wraparound provision.

This application window is open from 1 July to 8 August 2025 with the Grant panel meeting on 11 September 2025 to determine the awarding of the monies.

Wraparound application forms and guidance can be found here

[Application form - Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Early Years application forms and guidance can be found here:

[Early Years Capital Grant Application Form - Early Years Service](#)

[Early Education and Childcare - Statutory Guidance - Published February 2025](#)

Funding Team Updates

The consultation regarding payment arrangements for the academic year 2025/26, closed on 30th June. Once we have the results of this consultation, we can plan the Portal and payment timetable.

In preparation for the changes to funding entitlements for children aged 9 months and over, we are expecting a software update very soon. This may delay the opening date of the actual task for the Autumn term but we are confident that it will not effect the payment dates, once they are set.

Training

The following training & meetings will be taking place during June and July - [Book now!](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 02/07/2025 9:30 - 10:30am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for *Early Years providers*) - 02/07/2025 10.45 - 11.45am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 1.00 to 2.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for *Early Years providers*) - 14/07/2025 - 4.00 to 5.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training for Childminders - 09/07/2025 - 7.00 - 8.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams. Changes to the EYFS from September 2025 - [Book here](#)

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note; Most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.
- If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.



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