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Early Years Newsletter

19 April 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 29 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We hope you are all well. I made the mistake of getting my summer clothes down from the loft at the weekend.... What a mistake that was!

Anyway, in this week's email we have included information to support parents with preparing their child for school in September. The DfE's Measles webinar and an update regarding opening up the Childminders Conference to all providers.

Have a restful weekend.

The Early Education and Child Development Team

EY & Childminder Conference – Saturday 18 May 2024 at The Cheltenham Chase hotel – 9.15-3.45

Thank you to all of those daycare settings who contacted us about booking on to the above event. As it was explained at the time priority was given to childminders but now I have some great news – due to a handful of places left for this conference, bookings are now open for any daycare settings who wish to take up this amazing opportunity. There is an exciting opening speaker – Neil Griffiths-the famous story sack expert, and workshops to choose from.

Although the conference was offered to childminders in the first instance due to it running on a Saturday the guest speaker and workshops are very relevant for daycare practitioners to attend. There is no limit on setting numbers so come along with a colleague.....or 2.

DON'T MISS OUT – BOOK TODAY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. See link for more details: [EY Childminder Conference | Business Support Services](#)

National Measles Webinar and updated DfE information

For those who were not able to what the National Measles Webinar live, please find a link to the recorded event, [National Measles Webinar | Microsoft Teams](#)

The DfE has updated information regarding measles [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school – The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Starting School in September

This week was school allocation day for our pre-school children. Although this is an exciting time it is also big change, and we know some parents worry that their child is not going to be ready for school. There is lots of resources available online for parents, please do share the following links:

[Getting ready for school | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

[Starting primary school - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Activities for 3-4 year olds - BBC](#)

The school admissions team will provide information and advice to parents regarding the allocated school place <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/>

Next week we will include information about how providers can support children to successfully transition to school.

Expanded Entitlement Information Sessions

To support Gloucestershire childcare providers, the Early Years Service Business and Funding Team have arranged a number of Early Years Expansion engagement events across the county.

As part of Gloucestershire Early Years Service plans for implementation of the Expanded Entitlements we are keen to hear your thoughts and to discuss how we can best support you to implement these changes and develop your businesses to deliver these new entitlements in a way that best suits the type of provision whilst also considering your local area needs. You will be able to meet members of the team who are keen to hear your thoughts and will be able to answer questions you may have regarding these changes. We will be able to share information regarding the current sufficiency situation, including birth data, places available, funding related questions, business related information and discussions regarding recruitment into the Childcare sector. We will share the additional one to one support that the team are able to offer as part of our funded Business support package. So come along for a cup of tea or coffee, some light refreshments and get your questions answered.

These events have been organised county-wide to enable providers to attend close to their locality, with the first event taking place on 19 April 2024.

Please see dates in training panel below. Three dates have changed (delegates have been informed):

Amended date: Saturday 29 June 2024 at Leonardo Hotel, Cheltenham (previously Saturday 27 April 2024)

Amended date: Monday 10 June 2024 at Leonardo Hotel, Cheltenham (previously Wednesday 8 May 2024)

Amended Date: Friday 14 June 2024 at Manor House Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh (previously Friday 17 May 2024)

Message from Anita McKelvey:

National Wraparound Childcare Programme

As part of the government programme to help working parents the local authority are working with schools, private voluntary and independent providers including early years settings and childminders to ensure there is sufficient sustainable childcare to support parents who have primary school age children to access care from 8am to 6pm during term times.

As the new Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency and Business Manager (Wraparound care) I will be attending the information sessions to provide an overview of this programme and to answer any questions you may have if you are considering creating new or wanting to expand existing wraparound provision. I can let you know what the local authority are doing and update you on the national programme.

Please note that I or a colleague will be at the following Expanded Entitlement Information sessions – 15 May, 22 May, 10 June, 14 June and 29 June 2024

***Amended* - Webinar - Alternative Provision - 1 May 2024**

The Social Work Academy are running a webinar at the same time on strategy discussions, therefore Emma has very kindly agreed to deliver this webinar at 9.30am on 1 May. The Teams details will remain the same.

Date: Wednesday 1st May 2024

Time: ~~11:00 to 12noon~~ 9.30am to 10.30am

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 313 830 592 394 Passcode: VcBJcH

Training/event opportunities in April/May 2024

Expanded Entitlement Event - 20 April 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, GL3 4BP - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Stow-on-the-Wold - 24 April 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Stonehouse - 25 April 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 25 April 2024 7.00pm to 8.00pm - [Book here.](#)

Managing Your Team Effectively - 26 April 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 30 April 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Gupshill Manor Gloucester Road, Tewkesbury GL20 5SG - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Gloucester - 2 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.45pm - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Coleford - 2 May 2024 4.00pm to 6.00pm - [Book here.](#)

New to EYFS for Group and School-based Providers - 10 May 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club - [Book here.](#)

Recruitment and Retention - 10 May 2024 9.30am till noon - Shire Hall - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 15 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, GL3 4BP - [Book here.](#)

Business Planning - 20 May 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Shire Hall - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Cheltenham - 20 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 20 May 2024 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster meeting - Tewkesbury - 21 May 2024 4.00pm to 5.30pm - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 22 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - The Speech House, Speech House Rd, Coleford GL16 7EL - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 10 June 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Leonardo Hotel
(Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 14 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - The Manor House
Hotel, High Street, Moreton-In-Marsh GL56 0LJ - [Book here.](#)

Expanded Entitlement Event - 29 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Leonardo Hotel
(previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here.](#)



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