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Good morning!

Welcome to this week's Business Newsletter.

If you have any questions, please email the [Early Years Administrators](#).

Business and Finance News

Early Years Capital Grant

We have created a website with pages on the information/ guidance and application templates required to submit a grant application:

[Expanded entitlement | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

We are inviting grant applications from 1 September - 27 September 2024 with the grant panel on 11 October.

Settings applying for Wraparound grants for revenue and capital need to apply via the Wraparound web page to access the relevant information / guidance and application templates:

[Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

We have arranged Early Years Capital Grant Information Briefings to give an overview of the grant process and answer any questions.

Training Opportunities - please see panel below.

Multiply Programme – Skills For Life in Numeracy



Did you know that 78% of adults are working below Level 2 (GCSE graded 4/C) and 49% of adults have the numeracy skills expected of children at primary school? The Multiply programme, funded by DfE, supports Adult Skills in numeracy through high quality educational courses and employment based training. Running until March 2025 our aim is to support adults to:

- improve numeracy confidence and skills (in work, business finance matters, budgeting and money management...)
- ensure learners feel confident progressing towards qualifications or into work or progress in their existing job role;

Contact Claire to find out how we can support Childminders, Early Years Practitioners and Leaders, email:

Claire.Hanson@gloucestershire.gov.uk or call: 01452 583608

Multiply Eligibility Are you aged 19 or over? Have you lived in the UK for 3 years or longer? Have you no maths GCSE Grade C/Grade 4 or equivalent? Then Multiply is for you!



Multiply Programme

Checktember: 1 – 30 September

Get your people checking their numeracy this September!

National Numeracy, a UK charity dedicated to improving our numeracy, have a national campaign (Checktember) running throughout September to help us all improve our numeracy confidence.

Checktember is an annual initiative to get us brushing up on our number confidence. Using the [National Numeracy Challenge](#) for as little as 10 minutes a day during the month of September can noticeably improve numeracy skills.

The Challenge is a free, easy to use, online learning tool and allows users to understand their current numeracy level

and enables them to quickly improve with tailored learning resources that are best for them.

Business Team Network Meetings

We look forward to welcoming more of you to these meetings over the coming months. Please let us know of any specific areas you would like to discuss, send any suggestions to the [EY business inbox](#).

Please look out for the focus for the next meeting, our September meeting will focus on the EY capital grant funding process.

The dates and booking links are as follows:

19 September 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

15 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

Nursery Funding Focus- opportunity to speak with Sue Bodenham regarding any queries

26 November 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

10 December 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

As these are online meetings and bookings will close the day before. We will send out the links on the morning of each event. If you need to book late at any time, please email the [Early Years Admin Team](#).

Wraparound News

Wraparound news from the team – Anita, Roxy and Lisa

Applications round 2: opens 1 Sept to 27 Sept 2024 - Grant Panel will meet on the 11 Oct 2024.

From our first set of applications here are some reminders for those of you applying this time. Remember to;

- show how the wraparound care links to schools
- show that the wraparound care is covering 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, term time for school age children – Reception to Year 6.

- make sure you have registered with Ofsted and HMRC.
- show how you are providing care that is inclusive and meets the needs of SEND children

Updates to the GCC web page for wraparound [Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

New [NWCP Application Business Plan](#)



New **Parent Tile** with information for parents and carers is now live [Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

This tile is designed to support parents in finding information about anything to do with childcare and education. It explains the wraparound project and what it means for families and working parents. It also has links to other relevant sites within GCC and Glosfamilies.

Please share with your parents.

Provider survey – for those providers who have/or will receive funding the following survey will need to be completed termly, starting from the Autumn Term 2024. This is a heads-up that there will be questions about the changes providers are making to their wraparound care to show how they are expanding or creating new places. The wraparound team will contact you once the survey goes live.

Training Opportunities

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Tuesday 3 September 6.00pm to 7.00pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Monday 9 September 12.00pm to 1.00pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Early Years Capital Grant Application Briefing - Friday 13 September 10.00am to 11.00am - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Monday 9 Sept 3.30pm to 4.30pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Thursday 12 Sept 9.30am to 10.30am - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - Thursday 12 Sept 6pm to 7pm -
Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

Useful Contacts

Gloucestershire Early Years: [Early Years and Childcare | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Childcare Works: Useful tools for settings regarding business: [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](#)

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted): Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people [Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

PATA: PATA now has support tools available to purchase for non-members as well as members, including sample policies tailored specifically for Gloucestershire. [PATA \(UK\) - Home \(pataglos.org.uk\)](#) These and other resources are available at [\(PATA \(UK\) - Shop \(pataglos.org.uk\)\)](#) We'll be adding more policies and other bundles of documents over the next few months.

Out of School Alliance: Provides information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, including breakfast cubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes. [Out of School Alliance | The web site of Out of School Alliance](#)

The Early Years Alliance: This charity is the largest early year's membership organisation that offers information and advice to the early years sector [Early Years Alliance | \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA): A charity and membership association for the nursery sector and people working in early years [National Day Nurseries Association - NDNA](#)

Professional Association for Childcare Professionals (PACEY): A charity providing membership support that represents childminders and childcare professionals [Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years | PACEY](#)

Childcare Choices: A website that provides information to parents and the early years and childcare sector on support available to pay for childcare [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

GOV.UK: A sector information website where parents and the early years sector can find details of government services [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Provides information, advice and targeted financial support to families and individuals [HM Revenue & Customs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Charity Commission: The commission registers and regulates charities in England and Wales [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission)

Companies House: Companies house incorporates companies and makes company information available to the public [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house)

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS): Provides free and impartial information to employers and employees on all aspects of work-based relationships and employment law [Acas | Making working life better for everyone in Britain](https://www.acas.org.uk/)



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