

Provider Update 86 - 19 September 2025



Dear provider,

We hope that you are all settling into the new term alongside this rather wet and windy weather, it feels like Autumn is well upon us!

Many settings will have welcomed new faces over the last few weeks, and we hope that new staff and children are settling well into their new rooms and settings.

Early Education and Child Development team

Ofsted Webinars

Ofsted held two webinars this week focusing on the renewed inspection framework.

Both webinars will be available online if you would like to watch them.

The webinar aimed at settings will be out in the next day or so, but the webinar aimed at [childminders](#) is available to watch now!

Froebel Trust

The Froebel Trust have launched their latest **free** pamphlet for educators, [Connecting with parents, families and communities: a starting point](#)

This new resource for early years educators explores how the Froebelian pedagogy can be used to build and nurture genuine partnerships with parents, families and communities.

It's packed with practical advice along with real life examples and actionable steps educators can use to develop their practice.

Resources to support starting school

BBC CBeebies Parenting has launched a brand-new [Skills for Starting School](#) collection hosting a range of advice for parents.

It includes tips and activities to support the skills children need to start school - from potty training to supporting language development.

Their article about [School readiness](#) includes some fun activities you could share with your new Preschooler's Parents.

Updates of SEN Inclusion Funding (SENIF) & Flexibly Funding

The new SENIF offer from the Early Years and Childcare Service is now available. There has also been changes to how settings can use funding flexible moving forward.

More information can be [found here](#)

Ofsted updates and changes to the EYFS webinars

Champa Miah, a senior Ofsted inspector will be delivering a webinar on Tuesday 23rd September to discuss the EYFS changes.

We have been informed by Champa that the session is likely to last no longer than 45 minutes.

[Click here to book for Ofsted updates and changes to the EYFS 2025 - 23rd September 2025 \(10:00-11:30\)](#)

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Family Hub Launch

This week some of our team visited Cheltenham Racecourse for the launch of the new Family Hubs in Gloucestershire.

These hubs offer support and advice to families in Gloucestershire as well as providing stay and play sessions, pop up play days and many more wonderful activities.

They have a [brand new website](#) full of support and information ranging from the HAF programme to the local SEND offer.

[DSL Support Hub](#)

Please find the [minutes](#) and the [recording](#) from the meeting held on Wednesday 17th September.

[Annual Parent Carer Survey](#)

The Annual Parent Survey for 2025 goes live on 6th October and will close on Friday 5th December.

Please encourage and share the link with your families so that as many families as possible get the opportunity to share their thoughts and views.

It will be published in October's [Families in Partnership newsletter](#), to which you, families and colleagues can [subscribe here](#).

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings are now available to book:

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams)- 15/09/2025 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - Links will be sent the day before the meeting. An opportunity for **Childminders** to **network** and share experiences. At this session we will discuss climate action plan. [Book here](#)

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Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) - 25/09/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Alderman Knight School, 46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, England, GL20 8JJ. [Book here](#)

Childminder Play Session - 25/09/2025 - 9:30 - 11:30am - The Beacon Children's Centre (Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR. [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) - 02/10/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD. [Book here](#)

SENDCO in the Early Years - (2 days) **Day 1** - 02/10/2025 9:15 - 3:00pm - **Day 2** 09/10/2025 - 9:15 - 3:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) - 09/10/2025 4:00 - 6:00pm - Kingsway Primary School (Valley Gardens, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 2AR. [Book here](#)

Welcome to the Early Years - 10/10/2025 - 9:30am - 12:30pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG. [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 14/10/2025 - 7:00 - 8:00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (SIOT Level 1) - 16/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy, Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH - [Book here](#)

Creating Your Early Years Curriculum - 17/10/2025 - 10:00am - 12:00pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#)

Getting it Right for Boys - 21/10/2025 - 1:00 - 3:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

Getting It Right for Boys - 21/10/2025 - 4:00 - 6:00pm - Churchdown Community Centre, Parton Road, Churchdown, Gloucestershire GL3 2JH. [Book here](#)

Baby Room Network meeting - 27/10/2025 - 6:15 - 7:45pm - All My Friends Childcare (Barnwood), 87 Barnwood Nursery, Barnwood Road, Gloucester GL2 0SF [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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