

Early Years Childminder Newsletter - August 2025



Dear Childminders,

Welcome to your August Newsletter.

I cannot believe it is August already, I hope you are enjoying the school holidays and will get a break at some point.

Sorry, this is a very full newsletter!

In this newsletter there is the long awaited new EYFS, and an Ofsted session to discuss the changes. There is information about another session by Ofsted discussing the changes to the inspection framework and details about a new Gloucestershire project to provide Short Breaks for disabled children. There are the next few Childminder network meetings and latest training offer from the Stronger Practice Hubs, including a free introduction to Makaton and a new sign up for direct mailing from the Department for Education.

EYFS Statutory Frameworks

Effective from September 2025.

EYFS Statutory Frameworks

Ofsted Updates and Changes to the EYFS - 2025

Date 23 September 2025 **Time** 19:00 - 20:30 - Online

Ofsted Early Years Senior Officer Champa Miah will be delivering a short presentation about changes in 2025.

Ofsted Updates and Changes to the EYFS

Ofsted Webinar about the Renewed Inspection Framework for Childminders

Date Wed, 17 September 2025 **Time** 19:00 - 20:00 - Online

Ofsted will publish its renewed inspection framework in September. This webinar will set out how inspections will be carried out from November 2025.

Register for this webinar to:

- hear about the changes firsthand from Ofsted
- get a clear understanding of the upcoming changes and how they affect you
- have your questions answered.

Please note that spaces are limited. The session will be recorded and available afterwards.

This webinar is particularly relevant to childminders.

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Short Breaks

Gloucestershire County Council are looking at Short Breaks to see how we can improve the offer across Gloucestershire and we would like to hear your thoughts!

Short Breaks are services designed to give families of disabled children a chance to rest, recharge, and spend time with other family members, while their child enjoys safe, engaging care and fun activities. These breaks can take place during **weekends, school holidays, or even overnight**. We're exploring whether there's scope for **childminders** like yourselves to be involved in offering these valuable services. If you have experience or interest in working with disabled children, or would like to learn more, we'd love to hear from you and explore how you might be part of this rewarding initiative. Please complete this expression of interest and we will be in touch:

Expression of Interest - Childminders: Have Your Say Gloucestershire

Childminder Network Meetings (Teams)

14 August 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Changes to the

EYFS from September 2025.

Book: 14 August - Changes to the EYFS

15 September 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Climate Action Plan.

Book: 15 September - Climate Action Plan

14 October 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - New Inspection Framework.

Book: 14 October - New Inspection Framework

19 November 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Adult Education (GCC).

Book: 19 November - Adult Education (GCC)

Please use the opportunity to attend the Network meetings, which are all free, or they may drop to termly events.

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.

Stronger Practice Hub Events - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub

The Stronger Practice Hub has a number of training sessions:

Stronger Practice Hub Events - Bristol Early Years Teaching
Hub

Early Years Nutrition for Childminders

Date 18 September 2025 **Time** 18:00 - 20:00

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

Early Years Nutrition for Childminders

Introduction to Makaton for Childminders

Date 15 October 2025 **Time** 18:30 - 20:30

Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub

Price Free

This session will explore the basics of effective, authentic, meaningful interactions with children in the early years. We will cover what makes for quality interactions: the way we use our body and voice, how we listen, pause, and reflect on children's learning with them, how we can deepen their thinking, provoke new learning, and delight in the children's fascinations. We will use the quality interaction checklist to learn more about how to develop good practice, as well as guidance from the EEF Evidence Store.

Introduction to Makaton for Childminders

Provider sign-up for email updates for early

years

Local authorities can now encourage early years providers to sign up for our new email updates. These emails will share the latest announcements, guidance, and news from the Department for Education on early years education reforms and childcare expansion.

Please share the sign-up link or the flyer below with providers in your area:

Sign-up link for email updates: Childcare Choices



Sign-up to our e-mail updates for early years providers

You can now sign-up to our new early years provider email, you'll receive the latest announcements, information and news from the department on how we are reforming early years education and support childcare expansion.

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/provider-guidance-and-resources



Nannies: What you Need to Know - Ofsted: Early Years

Did you know that if you're already registered as a childminder with Ofsted, you can also operate as a nanny using your current registration.

All you need to do is contact Ofsted to let them know that you want to start providing this type of care. They'll then send you an updated certificate. You can [email Ofsted](#) from the email address they have on record.

Easy Explainer: Early Years Funding Rates - GOV.UK

Each month Childminding UK, create an engaging and informative blog designed to assist childminders and early years practitioners in navigating the complex and ever-evolving landscape of their profession.

Answers to common questions about funding can be found here:

1. What are the early years funding rates?
2. How is the early years budget determined?
3. How are the local authority hourly funding rates determined?
4. Are these the final funding rates for providers?
5. Why do the hourly funding rates vary so much by age?
6. What costs do the hourly funding rates cover?

[Easy Explainer: Early Years Funding Rates - GOV.UK](#)

Childminding UK - New Training Course

Beyond Registration: Growing and Thriving as a Childminder

Date Wednesday 13 August 2025 **Time** 19:00 - 20:45

Just registered or finding your feet as a new Childminder? This inspiring virtual course is your next essential step – full of expert guidance, real-life advice, and supportive insight to help you move from registration to confident, capable practice. Stay informed, stay compliant, and most importantly, stay reassured!

[Beyond Registration: Growing and Thriving as a Childminder](#)

STAY AND PLAY GROUPS

VENUE:	GROUP:	DAY:	TIME:
THE BEACON- KINGSWAY GL2 2AR	STAY & PLAY	MONDAYS	10AM-11:30AM
RIVER- LYDNEY GL15 5AU	UNDER 1'S TO CONFIDENT WALKERS	MONDAYS	10AM-11:30AM
FINLAY- TREDWORTH GL4 6TL	STAY & PLAY	TUESDAYS	10AM-11:30AM
BARTONGATE- SINOPE ST GL1 4AW	MARVELLOUS MUMS	WEDNESDAYS	1PM-2:30PM
KALEIDOSCOPE-KINGSHOLM GL1 3DN	MARVELLOUS MUMS	THURSDAYS	10AM-11:30AM
RIVER- LYDNEY GL15 5AU	STAY & PLAY	THURSDAYS	1PM-2:30PM
LIGHTHOUSE- LINDEN GL1 5JA	MARVELLOUS MUMS	FRIDAYS	10AM-11:30AM
HILLTOP- CINDERFORD GL14 2QA	COMMUNITY CAFE	FRIDAYS	8:45AM- 10AM
HILLTOP- CINDERFORD GL14 2QA	STAY & PLAY	FRIDAYS	10AM-11:30AM



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ARE YOU A PARENT OR CARER WITH A CHILD AT A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN GLOUCESTER?
COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY PARENTING WORKSHOPS

The school nursing team provide practical advice and signposting to support your child for a variety of health topics. 1:1 question time at the end of every session

Drinks and activities for children provided during the session

**SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR,
ANXIETY, & WELLBEING**

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY
1PM - 2.30PM

THE BEACON CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
KINGSWAY, GL2 2AR

**FUSSY EATING, CONTINENCE,
& HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

TUESDAY 28TH JULY
10 AM - 11.30PM

THE LINK, CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
MATSON, GL4 6BE

**SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR,
ANXIETY, & WELLBEING**

MONDAY 4TH AUGUST
10 AM - 11.30PM

THE LIGHTHOUSE, CHILDREN'S
CENTRE, LINDEN, GL1 5HE

**FUSSY EATING, CONTINENCE,
& HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST, 1PM - 2.30PM

THE OAKS CHILDREN'S CENTRE, TUFFLEY,
GL4 0RN

**SLEEP, BEHAVIOUR, ANXIETY, &
WELLBEING**

WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST,
1PM - 2.30PM

KALEIDOSCOPE CHILDREN'S CENTRE,
KINGSHOLM, GL1 3DN



Thank you for reading and I hope you find the Childminder Newsletters informative and useful. Please email [Caroline Vans](#) with any questions. Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).



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