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Early Years Newsletter

3 May 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 33 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We hope everyone is looking forward to the long bank holiday weekend, and fingers crossed some sunshine.

Please don't forget to scroll to the bottom to see the networking and training opportunities on over the coming weeks. These are now listed alphabetically rather than by date. We hope this makes the information easier to use.

The Early Years and Child Development Team

Early Years Childminding and Daycare conference - Saturday 18 May

Not long now! Thank you to all the childminders who have already booked a place to attend this exciting event. Due to demand from daycare settings we recently opened the bookings so they too could take up this great opportunity. There are still a few places left so don't delay – [BOOK TODAY](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training

There is still time to book on the Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training.

SIOT Level 1 - Thursday 9 May 4pm-6pm at Severnbanks Primary School (Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU). [Book here](#).

New! SIOT Level 2 - Play to ignite development - Thursday 23 May - 4pm-6pm at Severnbanks Primary School (Naas Lane, Lydney, Gloucestershire, GL15 5AU). [Book here](#).

Children's Scrapstore: The Power Of Loose Parts (Gloucestershire) - 13 May - Coleford

Now more than ever young children need to play. They need an environment that's rich in opportunities for exploration, deep engagement, and communication. This interactive session explores the many benefits of playing with scrap and how it nurtures all areas of development and learning in the EYFS as well as fostering the characteristics of effective learning.

The Stronger Practice Hub is bringing the event to the Forest of Dean on 13 May. Please see [poster](#). There are still a few tickets (this event is free). [Ticket link here.](#)

Time to complete RFL scores for all pre-school children

Dear Provider,

Would you please input scores for all pre-school children in your setting using the RFL questionnaire by Friday 31st May 2024. [RFL Questionnaire](#)

Thank you to everyone who is participating in this work – your data will help us to evidence whether the RFL is successful in supporting early identification and that children are making good progress in their pre-school year.

Once you have completed questionnaires for the children, please use the comparison score sheet (hyperlink below) to record their new scores and email the [EYSAccordLine](#).

[RFL Comparison Sheet](#)

Please note: Due to GDPR when returning your RFL comparison score sheet please remove the children's names.

If you have any queries about the RFL, please contact the Advice Line or attend one of the drop-in sessions below. Please note the drop-in session are not training sessions. There is no need to book.

Monday 20 May - 11.30am-12.30pm Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 311 851 839 031 Passcode: vkNQ3H	Thursday 23 May - 2pm-3pm Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 315 661 112 93 Passcode: 42gFM8	Wednesday 5 June - 9am-10am Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 371 852 918 761 Passcode: NqJqXp
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DSL Support Hub News

Wednesday 8 May at 8.30am - Review of Operation Encompass

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on Wednesday 8th May 2024. This 30-minute session will be led by Chris Miller (Independent Consultant) who has been commissioned by the Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP) to undertake an independent review of Operation Encompass. Chris has asked to attend our DSL Support Hub to gain your views and opinions on the current functionality of Operation Encompass.

In preparation for this could you please consider the following questions:-

- Do you receive Encompass notifications in time for the start of the next school day after the incident?
 - If not, how often is the target missed?
- Does the referral provide you with the information you need to understand what has happened?
 - If not , how do the notifications fall short of what you would like to receive?
- Do you have a secure Encompass email. Who can access it ? What is your contingency for when the DSL is absent?
- There is free online Encompass training - have you undertaken it ?
- There is free online Encompass advice and guidance material - do you use it ? If so how often?
- Do your parents know that your school takes part in Encompass - how have you told them?
 - if schools want to share any materials (letters/ website links) about this that would be helpful
- How do you use the notifications ?
 - Do you keep records of how you use them?

If you are not able to attend the webinar, we still need your voice so please forward your responses to gscp@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 8th May 2024.

Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 313 965 236 501 Passcode: n3TcRv

Please see the notes of last week's DSL hub. The session was recorded, however I am currently in discussions with our IT department as to how I can share this with you following our recent move to a new IT system.

Training/event opportunities in May 2024

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

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

Childminder Pre-Registration information briefing - 14 May 6.45pm to 8.45pm - To book contact the [EY Admin Team](#).

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

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

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

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

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



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