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Good morning!

Hope you are all staying cool as the temperatures begin to rise. Summer really is beginning at last!

If you have any questions, please contact [Business Support Team](#), [Wraparound Support Team](#) or [Early Years Admin Team](#).

Early Years Capital Grant Applications

The grant application form for the early year's capital grant has just been finalised and you can access the link [here](#).

We have also set up a dedicated email address for any queries regarding applications. Please click [here](#).

Recruitment & Job Centre Plus

As part of our JCP Partnership we have been promoting to work coaches from Stroud and Gloucester, opportunities for customers who want to explore a career in childcare as well as myth busting with regards to customers cautious about using childcare. The partnership is developing well, and as well as providing childcare courses via GCC adult education department, we are introducing a basic intro to childcare to cohorts of customers keen to explore this area of work. These will be delivered soon. We are keen to show the customers around provider settings as part of the course, so if any providers are willing to volunteer to allow this, please do let us know.

These links are for the government's recruitment campaign for early years '[Do something big](#)' and [Glos jobs](#) where you can advertise for staff at no charge.

Final Call! Expanded Entitlement Information Sessions

The last of these sessions still has spaces available if anyone is still interested in attending:

Saturday 29 June 2024 - Leonardo Hotel (Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - Book [here](#).

National Wraparound Childcare Programme

For information about the National Wraparound Childcare Programme please access the [GCC web page](#).

Many thanks to those of you who joined me last week on the Teams calls on Monday and Thursday – I hope that you found the meetings informative. The recording of the meeting on Monday is now live and contains information that may be useful if you are looking to apply for funding through the wraparound programme. You can access the recording via [Wraparound Information Session recording - Monday 17 June 2024](#).

There will also be a new tab on the web page with some support and advice about how to set up and run out of school provision.

As always if you would like personalised support either by phone call or visit, please use the new request form (Request for Business Support -wraparound) on the web page – go to Support and Guidance for the wraparound programme – then point 3 – wraparound childcare forms or use the [wraparound email address](#) to request this.

Business Team Network Meetings

Thank you to all of those of you who attended the first business team network meeting last week, it was good to see the variety of settings represented and it was a great opportunity to share some of the business challenges you are experiencing such as recruitment of staff.

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](#).

The dates and booking links are as follows:

9 July 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

20 August 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

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

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

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

17 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](#).

Nursery Funding Self Update Portal

When checking the codes for your nursery funded children please take the opportunity to update your Self Update Portal to ensure we continue to have the correct information for your setting.

Business Toolkits- Early Years & Wraparound

Please continue to check the childcareworks website for useful information and for templates to assist with areas of your business. New things are being added regularly. You can access the HUB area with no requirement for passwords [Childcare Works - childcareworks.org.uk](#)



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