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Early Years Newsletter

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Welcome to the Provider Update 43 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

This time of year, is always really exciting, if not a little stressful!

It takes time to get to know our new little starters and their families. Over the next few weeks, you will be finding out lots about them. You are often the first people other than family that parents have left their child with. Don't forget although parents are the experts of their child, you are the experts in child development and early years ... so wear that badge with pride and confidence.

Early Education and Child Development Team

NOW OPEN - EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE 2024 - FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER AT THE CHELTENHAM CHASE HOTEL

The Conference is now open for bookings and is already half full. Click [here to book](#).

NEIL FARMER TRAINING – GETTING IT RIGHT FOR BOYS

This has been a very popular course with many bookings to date. The morning only has a few spaces left, the afternoon has a few more. The event is on Monday 7th October at the Farmers' Club. Please book through the link in the Training Opportunities section below.

The Playdough Debate

There have been a number of posts on social media regarding using uncooked flour in Playdough. For specific information regarding this please see advice from the Food Standards agency [Handling flour and flour products safely | Food Standards Agency](#)

Minor changes to the Early Years Inspection Handbook

This week Ofsted made some changes to the Early Years Inspection handbook: [Summary of changes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/summary-of-changes-to-the-early-years-inspection-handbook)

Early Years Evidence Store – Physical Development Module

If you haven't already explored the Education Endowment Foundation's (EEF) [Early Years Evidence Store](#) do check it out. This site has information and practical ideas to support key elements of child development.

They have recently launched an [EEF | Physical Development](#) module, It focuses on three approaches:

- Teaching the skills needed for movement and handling
- Promoting physical activity
- Teaching the skills for mark making and letter formation

The EEF works in collaboration with the [Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs](#)

There is a wealth of CPD and support available to the early years sector and it can often be a bit of a mind field to navigate. We are going to feature an organisation or CPD from outside our service within our provider emails. Let us know if you would like to feature something you have found useful

This week's spotlight is the [Institute of Early Years Education](#). This is a professional body that was recently set up to support professional development and wellbeing. They provide membership options starting from £5 per month.

We have explored the institute further and really liked the range of CPD and forums available. We also liked the healthy lifestyle benefits, which include 24/7 GP and mental health support, savings information and a digital gym.



CHARGES FOR TRAINING COURSES

Please note that with effect from 1 September 2024, all training courses will now be chargeable. Unfortunately, the credit card system has been further delayed so the current invoicing systems will remain in place until further notice.

When booking on GCC+, please ensure that you check out your basket so that your place is secured. If you no longer require the place, please cancel on GCC+ and inform EYService@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that they can ensure you are not charged.

We have kept the costs to you as low as possible, offering excellent value for money, and enabling you to access a variety of high-quality training and CPD opportunities. Any income from training is reinvested back into either our conferences (which remain heavily subsidised by the Early Years Service) or new training opportunities.

Please do continue to access our training and give us your views on future training opportunities that you would like to have. For information, training costs for 2024/25 are as follows:

Conferences - £50.00 per delegate.

Up to ½ day training delivered to whole setting - £25.00 - £50.00 per setting.

½ day training per delegate - £20.00.

Up to 2 hours training per delegate - £15.00.

Training Opportunities!

Business Team Network Meeting - 19 September 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - [Book here](#).

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 16 September 2024 - 7.30pm to 8.30pm - [Book here](#).

Early Years Conference - 15 November 2024 - 9.00am to 4.00pm - [Book here](#).

Getting It Right for Boys - 7 October 2024 10am to noon - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

Getting It Right for Boys - October 2024 1pm to 3pm - Gloucester Farmer's Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

SENCo in the Early Years Training - Day 1 - 19 September 2024 9am to 3pm - Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG - *This event is full, but please put yourself on the waiting list if you are interested as we will run another session.*

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training - Level 1 - Tuesday 24 September 2024 - Longford Park Primary Academy, Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP - [Book here](#).



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