

If you have queries about any of the above, please email

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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 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](#).

Nursery Funding Updates

Funded childcare when a child becomes 3-years-old

If the child is accessing the 15 hours entitlement for working parents of 2-year-olds and the parent remains eligible, the parent will automatically be moved onto 30 hours (Universal 15 hours + 15 hours for working parents) from the term after the child turns 3. They just need to keep reconfirming their code as normal and it will become usable to claim 30 hours (the actual code remains the same).

If the child is accessing the early education and childcare entitlement for families of 2-year-olds who receive certain benefits through their local authority, then they will be able

to access the universal entitlement from the term after the child turns 3, which means in practice that they will continue to receive 15 hours of childcare.

Summer term amendment payment

The amendment task closed on 28 June and the team are now working on the amendment payment due to leave GCC on 12 July. If you get any further amendments to those you have submitted, please email the details and the amendment form to free34formsubmission@eygloucestershire.co.uk

Autumn term funding claims

Forms and details will be available in your portal account on 8 July and the autumn term task will open on 15 July.

Working Parent's Entitlement Eligibility Codes

Please ensure that all your eligible parents have either applied or have eligible codes on 31 August 2024, if they wish to claim the extended hours funding in the autumn term. Code applied for after this date will not be eligible until the spring term 2025 and if a code has expired, they will also not be eligible.

Expanded Entitlement Information Sessions

These events have now finished, thank you to all of those who attended, the feedback has been very positive with many of you appreciating the 'face to face' opportunity to talk with members of the team. We will be collating all the questions raised at the event with answers and will put them here for you to see soon.

Training

We are currently preparing the Autumn term training timetable offered by the business and nursery funding team. Managing your team effectively with Retention and recruitment remain popular, please let us know of additional training you would like by emailing the [EY business inbox](#)

National Wraparound Childcare Programme

Thank you to those who have submitted applications for funding. You should receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your completed form along with any requests for further information if this is needed.

We are pleased to welcome to the team Roxana Gregory who has joined us as a Business and Childcare Support Officer (wraparound). No doubt she will be getting to know some of you in the near future.

The web page has been updated with a new tile – Setting up and running good quality wraparound provision

Direct link [Guidance around the play environment | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

On here you will find various information sheets and links to sites that can support you in setting up and running wraparound care, including an environment audit that you can use to assess your current provision.

We have also added a request form if you would like any specific help from the team around the business side or quality of your provision. The direct link to this form has also been added here-

[Request for wraparound business and quality support form and environment audit toolkit | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Main web page link - [Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Business Team Network Meetings

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](#).

Useful Contacts

Gloucestershire Early Years: [Early Years and Childcare | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Childcare Works: Useful tools for settings regarding business: [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](#)

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted): Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people [Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Early Years Alliance: This charity is the largest early year's membership organisation that offers information and advice to the early years sector [Early Years Alliance | \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA): A charity and membership association for the nursery sector and people working in early years [National Day Nurseries Association - NDNA](#)

Professional Association for Childcare Professionals (PACEY): A charity providing membership support that represents childminders and childcare professionals [Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years | PACEY](#)

Childcare Choices: A website that provides information to parents and the early years and childcare sector on support available to pay for childcare [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

GOV.UK: A sector information website where parents and the early years sector can find details of government services [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Provides information, advice and targeted financial support to families and individuals [HM Revenue & Customs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Charity Commission: The commission registers and regulates charities in England and Wales [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Companies House: Companies house incorporates companies and makes company information available to the public [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS): Provides free and impartial information to employers and employees on all aspects of work-based relationships and employment law [Acas | Making working life better for everyone in Britain](#)



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