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Early Years Newsletter

15 March 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 27 (2023/24)

We hope you have all had a lovely week, and our Cheltenham colleagues have survived a busy week of extra traffic to negotiate!

This week we are sending congratulations to our newly qualified Level 3 SENCOs and sharing an exciting new training opportunity amongst much more.

The Early Education and Child Development Team

Ramadan 2024

The blessed month of Ramadan is a time of reflection, contemplation, and celebration for Muslims all over the world. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our early years colleagues celebrating Ramadan this year a happy and blessed Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak!

Level 3 SENCO Award

Congratulations to the 17 Early Years SENCOs who celebrated completing their Level 3 Early Years SENCO qualification last week. This is the third cohort of SENCOs from the county to complete this award and we are very excited to see the positive impact this is having on outcomes for children with SEND across Gloucestershire. Keep an eye out for future opportunities to join this course!



Advisory Teaching Service

The [Advisory Teaching Service](#) have asked us to remind all providers that referrals for Pre-School children can be submitted to them from this term. (This does not apply for children already known to the Physical Disability team).

It is best to get your referrals in as soon as possible as those requested later in the academic year may result in a meaningful transition not being supported by their team.

Safer Sleep Week

This week is [Safer Sleep Week](#), The Lullaby Trust's national awareness campaign to raise awareness of sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and share simple advice to reduce the risk of it occurring for anyone looking after a young baby.

Childminder Mentor Programme

Please find attached a poster with information about the [Childhood Mentor Programme](#). If you are interested in receiving support for the summer term 2024, please complete the form available via the poster QR code **by 31st March 2024**.

Click here for the [poster](#).

Exciting new training opportunity – ‘Getting it right for boys’ with Neil Farmer

Some of you were lucky enough to hear Neil Farmer speak at the Early Years conference in November 2023. Neil led a popular session called ‘Getting it right for boys’ which was well attended and received lots of positive feedback. Due to the popularity of this session, we are delighted to share that Neil will be returning to Gloucestershire to run sessions in the Summer and Autumn terms. There is no attendance limit for the number of practitioners from each setting, and places can be secured now for the following sessions:

19 June 2024 from 10am-12noon [Click here to book](#).

19 June 2024 from 1pm-3pm [Click here to book](#).

7 October 2024 from 10am-12noon [Click here to book](#).

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Please note that these events will take place at the Gloucester Farmers Club and there is a £20 charge per delegate for these sessions.

Training opportunities in March/April 2024

Don't miss these training and meeting opportunities between now and Easter 2024!

Childminder Pre-Registration Information Briefing - 20 March 2024 18:45-21:00 - book via email to [EY Admin Team](#).

[Safeguarding Module for Early Years Practitioners booking link](#)- 19 March 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Cheltenham

[Self Update Provider Portal Training booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 10:00-12:00 - Gloucester

[Childminder Network Teams Meeting - Spring/Summer 2024 booking link](#) - 20 March 2024 - 19:00-20:00 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button

[Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training booking link](#) - 21 March 2024 - 16:00-18:00 - Stonehouse

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 17 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom

[New date added! ECAT Profile Training booking link](#) - 24 April 2024 - 16:00-17:30 - Virtual via Zoom

Committee Roles and Responsibilities - this training is designed to give new and existing committee members an introduction to their roles and to the responsibilities of a voluntary management committee in an early years setting. This training will now be offered on a setting by setting basis. Send your request to the [EY Admin Team](#).



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

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