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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years
Provider update

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Dear provider,

The weather has been a little cooler this week and some much needed rain has fallen on our gardens and outdoor areas.

The weather for next week is looking warm and sunny again so there is still plenty of time to enjoy those outdoor activities, sports days, graduation events and summer picnics!

Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

DSL support hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 8.30am**.

These 30 minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only) – there will be input from GHLL, Early Help, Community Social Workers and Police decision makers within the MASH, who alongside the GSEP team will be passing on current information, guidance and policies.

Log in details below;

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

Evidence based Level 3 Qualification

Back in March the DfE launched information regarding the '[Evidence based route for Early Years](#)' document.

It explains how staff in your setting can be considered level 3 qualified if they can meet a range of outlined criteria and are judged to have met all the required criteria by their management team.

The document is worth a read and the supporting evidence documents are helpful at outlining standards and requirements that all staff should be meeting to be an effective early years practitioner.

Exciting News from Recycling Resources for All (RR4All)

Recycling Resources for All - your local champion for sustainability and creativity — is expanding and soon moving into The City Works, home to

the fantastic Scrapstore!

At RR4All, our mission is to build a more sustainable culture through education, creativity, and community. We already offer:

- Inspiring keynote talks on sustainability and circular living
- Bespoke educational resources — repurposed, affordable, and designed to spark learning

And now, we're excited to expand our impact with:

- Hands-on Creative Training Sessions
- Sustainability Training for Educators & Practitioners

Follow us as we settle into our new home at The City Works and get ready for a whole new level of impact!

CPD spotlight

[South West Early Language Local Innovation and Excellence \(ELLIE\)](#)
[Community of Practice](#) Monday 30th June 1:30pm via teams

A webinar for all professionals with an interest in early years speech, language and communication. The agenda for the webinar is as follows:

- Local Government Association- Introduction, welcome and updates
- Building Babies' Brains- Resources and discussion to support families conception to first 1001 days
- National Literacy Trust- Using a behaviour change approach to support the Home Learning Environment

Getting it right for babies

There is a free event for baby room practitioners on Saturday 12th July in Bristol.

The day is set to be an inspiring event with incredible speakers, delicious food, engaging workshops and the chance to network with other baby room practitioners.

You can sign up to the event here: www.thebabyroom.blog

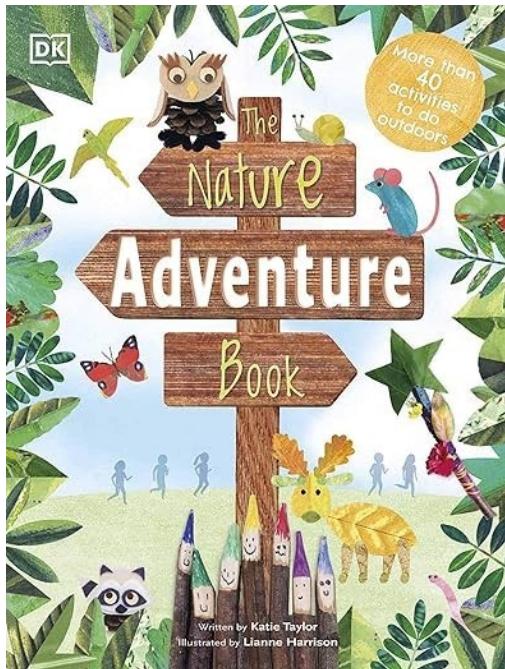
Head's up! Gloucestershire Early Years Conference 2025

Many of you have been in contact to confirm when the next Early Years conference is so you can arrange your inset days.

We can confirm the event will take place on Friday 7th November at The Cheltenham Chase hotel. We have booked speakers, and a variety of workshops for you to choose from when booking.

Bookings can be made through GCC+ from Monday 8th September. More details regarding the agenda will be sent out in early July so you have an idea of which staff you would like to attend which workshop.

Book Corner



With all this lovely warm sunshine I'm sure we are all spending a lot more time outside at our settings. This beautifully illustrated book is packed full of activities to do outside with your little learners!

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during the summer months - Book now!

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 02/07/2025 9:30 - 10:30am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 02/07/2025 10.45 - 11.45am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 1.00 to 2.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 4.00 to 5.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training for Childminders - 09/07/2025 - 7.00 - 8.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note: Most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.

If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.



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