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Early Years Newsletter

22 November 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 53 (2024/25)

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Hi everyone,

Wow, the weather! What a lovely treat we woke up to on Tuesday morning and I even had to fetch my 'big coat' out of the wardrobe.

Thank you to all of those who attended the Early Years Conference last Friday, it was great to see so many of you, further information about this and our next conference is below.

Have a lovely weekend!

Early Education and Child Development team

Gloucestershire Early Years Conference 2024

Wow, what an amazing day last Friday! It was great to see so many of you take up this opportunity. We hope you all found the day interesting and fun.

Next year the conference will take place on Friday 7th November at The Cheltenham Chase hotel. Sue is busy researching presenters to deliver and has taken note of any feedback given.

As there was quite a long waiting list this year, the conference will be offering 150 places next year, with 5 workshops to choose from.

Bookings will not be open until the first week of September 2025 as we feel it's only fair to wait until the term time only settings return from Summer.

We can confirm that the endnote speaker will be '**Liz Pemberton – The Black Nursery Manager**'. We are all very excited that Liz has agreed to join us.

Please see the photos from the event [here](#).

Supporting positive behaviour for learning – Zelfer Ferguson

Some of you who attended the conference last week were lucky enough to meet Zelfer who is a behaviour consultant. She offers training and guidance to schools and preschool providers to support their practice on the subject of positive behaviour.

If you missed out, you can attend Zelfer's training session when she returns to Gloucestershire again in February, booking will be available through GCC+ soon.

DSL support hub

The recording for the DSL support hub meeting on the 20/11/2024 can be found [here](#) and meeting notes can be read [here](#).

EHCP Annual Review Project Update

Gloucestershire County Council is working with stakeholders to improve the Annual Review process for children with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs). Following engagement with the education sector, we will focus on the following areas:

- Improve the Annual Review paperwork and accompanying guidance documents
- Review and improve templates for capturing CYP voice and professional advice about the child or young person.

Timeline:

- New toolkit and paperwork to be available to all settings from January 2025.
- All settings to fully adopt the new paperwork from September 2025.

We are particularly keen to hear from practitioners within the Early Years Sector to be involved in this exciting project, especially those who will contribute to the coproduction of the templates mentioned above.

If you would like further information, please email Lisa Whitehead, Project Manager – lisa.whitehead@gloucestershire.gov.uk

One Plan webinar with Ann James, GCC Director of Children's Services

You may have heard about, or been involved in, the recent development of Gloucestershire's One Plan for children and young people.

The One Plan captures our shared ambition and the actions that will help us ensure Gloucestershire's many assets are used to enable all children and young people in the county to grow up healthy, resilient, prosperous and connected within communities and environments that nurture. The plan draws its priorities from an analysis of the data and on what children, young people, their families and partners told us about their experience and priorities. The Plan will be overseen by the Children and Young People's Wellbeing Coalition, under the One Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership.

Sarah Hylton, Head of Early Years, will present a brief introduction to the One Plan at the [Leaders and Managers meeting](#) on 27th November 2024. Following this, we would

like to invite you to an **EY Leaders and Managers webinar with Ann James, GCC Director of Children's Services**, who will set out in more detail how the One Plan seeks to realise Gloucestershire's vision for our children and young people.

The following session is available specifically for the early years sector via Teams:

Monday December 9th 9.30 to 10.30

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

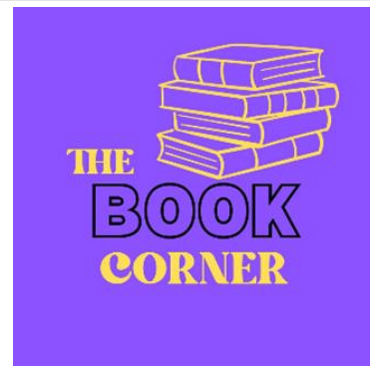
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Please come along if you are able, to find out more about how you can contribute to the delivery of the plan for young children.

The Book Corner

This week we're providing not one, but a whole range, of books for you to explore! The [Little Minds Matter](#) has a vast selection of accessible and practical guides with a focus on children's well-being. One of the titles, 'Speech, language and communication for healthy little minds' is written by Rebecca Skinner and Becky Poulter Jewson, whose names you may recognise as two of our local early years professional colleagues!



CPD Spotlight

Ben Kingston-Hughes delivered the 'Mathtastic Maths in Early Years' workshop and was the end note speaker at our early years conference last week. It is fair to say that we were all in awe of what he shared. His knowledge about how play, joy and laughter directly affects brain development was not only insightful but crucial.

Check out his Youtube channel [Inspired Children](#)



Training and other opportunities!

Leaders and Managers Meeting - 27 November 2024 - 13.00pm to 15.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (Level 2) - 28 November 2024 - 16.00pm to 18.00pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here.](#)

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.

The standard GCC Cancellation Policy will apply:

- 100% refund 10 days or more before the course starts.
- 50% refund between 9 and 5 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 4 and 2 days before the course starts.
- 0% refund between 1 day or fewer before the course starts.

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