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Early Years Newsletter

9 February 2024





Welcome to the Provider Update 21 (2023/24)

Dear Provider

We hope everyone is well, and for those of you who are breaking up today that you are looking forward to the half term break.

Please note that most of the team will be working as normal next week so do contact us if needed. The advance line will also be operating as normal on Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

The Early Education and Child Development Team

BOOKING NOW OPEN! Childminder Conference

Join us for this fantastic opportunity to celebrate Childminding within our local area.

Gloucestershire Early Years Childminders Conference

Saturday 18 May 2024

Cheltenham Chase Hotel – Brockworth

The event will run from 9:15am to 3:45pm. We will be joined by the inspirational Keynote speaker, Neil Griffiths who will share his passion for stories and story telling with a session on The Power of Reading for Pleasure. Visit his website to see how more about Neil using this link: [Corner to Learn](#)

We will also have some fantastic workshops being delivered by Sensory Integration Occupational Therapist Anthea Bailey, Speech and Language Therapist Rebecca Skinner, Mindy from Badgerwood Adventures Forest School and Thriving Language sharing a session on schema play. Lunch is included, and there will also be plenty of networking opportunities and time to visit a range of stands, all at a bargain price of £40 per attendee!

Book via [GCCPlus](#)

November 2024 - Day Care Provider Conference

Please note, a date has been secured for the next conference for daycare settings - Friday 15 November at The Cheltenham Chase Hotel. More information to follow in due course.

Safeguarding in Early Years

Are you confident in safeguarding practices in Early Years?

Are you confident in knowing who to contact if you have a concern?

How do you record your concerns?

What would you do if.....

The Safeguarding in Early Years sessions are being offered across the county. We are encouraging all practitioners, especially those who are NOT the DSL to come along, join in conversations and discuss scenarios that you may come across every day in your provision. We welcome early years practitioners from all settings, including childminders and there is no limit on numbers, so bring your teams! Please click on the link below and see when the next session is running near you.

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

[Safeguarding Module for Early Years Practitioners booking link](#) - 21 February 2024 - 18:15-20:15 - Cirencester

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

Expanded entitlement survey

Further to our previous survey requests, we would like to thank all of you who have responded to date with information to support Gloucestershire's supply and demand mapping and also inform our data returns for DFE.

We appreciate the demands on your time and really value your input, however reviewing the returns to date, in particular for the 2 year Expanded Entitlement, we feel that it will be useful to re-open that survey to allow those of you who missed the opportunity to complete this, to do so as we appreciate receiving telephone calls to access this information is not ideal

Please note ...

- if you have completed and submitted the survey for 2 Year Expanded Entitlements information already or received a telephone call from one of the team and given the information to them for submission you do not need to submit this information again.

If you have not yet completed the survey ...

- to give you a final opportunity to submit your information, we have extended our deadline to 5pm on 23 February - [survey link](#) - and we would be extremely grateful if you could click on the link to provide the information requested.

We really value your input and the data you provide will help us to consider supply and demand and support the implementation of this national expansion programme across Gloucestershire.

Many thanks

Business and Funding Team

Training opportunities in February 2024

Don't miss these exciting training opportunities!

[Nursery Funding Portal Training booking link](#) - 21 February 2024 - 10:00-12:00 - Shire Hall

[Leaders and Managers Meeting booking link](#) - 21 February 2024 - 13:00-15:30 - Gloucester

[SENCo Training for Early Years \(Day 1 of 2\) booking link](#) - 22 February 2024 09:00-16:00 - Shire Hall

Childminder Pre-Registration Briefing - 23 February 2024 - 09:45-12:00 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button. Book via email to [EYService Admin Team](#)

[Managing your Team Effectively booking link](#) - 26 February 2024 - 09:30-12:30 - Virtual via the Big Blue Button.

[Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training booking link](#) - 27 February 2024 - 16:00-18:00 - Cheltenham



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