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## Early Years Newsletter Childminder Edition

**1 August 2024**



## Welcome to the August Childminder Newsletter!

I hope you are all having a lovely summer and surviving having all the big kids home with the little ones too. Hopefully we will keep having the nice weather for a while.

Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).

## Early Years Childminder Conference 2025

Thank you for your ideas for the next Childminder Conference. We will look at the preferred option and start arranging. Keep your Saturdays free in February please!

If you can't wait until then we have our Early Years Conference on Friday 15 November 2024.

## Childminding Network Session on Thursday 15 August from 7-8pm, Teams meeting

[Booking link](#) for Network meeting. *Please make sure you have booked the day before the meeting (Wednesday 14 August) because we send out the meeting links on the morning of the session.*

Here is the link to the **new** Business Network online evening sessions – the business team will be available to support with any business or funding related queries - [Business Network Meetings](#)

## Pacey Blog

[BLOG: Post-election reflection: Delivering a thriving sector | PACEY](#)

## Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub – free training for Gloucestershire Childminders

[Childminder Network - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub \(beyth.co.uk\)](#)

Check local events for free sessions in local childminding groups, on-line Makaton training and more...

**Brain Development – A Session for Childminders with Sarah Neville**

**22 August 2024 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm BST**

FREE



In this session, they will talk about typical brain development and how it impacts children's play and learning. We learn how to feed the brain through our positive interactions with children and reference relevant research and guidance to support our practice.

Aims and objectives:

- Introduction to brain development.
- Ages of brain development.
- Supporting brain development.
- Reflection on learning – what next?

## **Webinars - [Childcare.co.uk](http://Childcare.co.uk)**

Childcare.co.uk has lots of free webinars over the summer including, numeracy, literacy and loose parts play.

**Local Childminding groups – please note that the groups are term time only and will reopen in September.**

**If you know of any other groups, please email the details and I will add them to the list. Thank you**

## Cheltenham and Churchdown Childminding Association

Dear Childminder,

We are the Cheltenham and Churchdown Childminding Association - we are a group of childminders, some of us are fairly new to the job, and others have a few years' experience. We run two groups for the children and minders to meet and play. There is plenty for the children to do, plus snacks and drinks for them as well as a cuppa for the adults - and we like to enjoy days out during the school holidays too.

<b><u>Hatherley Group</u></b>
Tuesdays
Term Time only
9.00am-11.30am
Church Centre
Saint Philip & Saint James
Parish Church
Cold Pool Lane
Cheltenham
GL51 6HY
£1.00 per adult
£1.00 per child

<b><u>Warden Hill Group</u></b>
Thursdays
Term time and Holidays
9.30am-11.30am
United Reformed Church
Salisbury Avenue
Warden Hill
GL51 3BY
£1.00 per adult
£1.00 per child

Hatherley group has a big indoor space and a great outdoor area. At Warden Hill there is lots of indoor space plus a big play area right next door - perfect for picnics after the group. We have crafts, playdough, small world play, role play, interactive toys, bikes and trikes, dressing up and fabulous song times that all children love to join in with. The children have the best of both worlds with small home based settings, and larger group settings to safely meet and make friends with other children.

Both groups enjoy Christmas parties, with visits from Father Christmas himself, party food for the children and we sometimes hire a bouncy castle/soft play and have traditional party games to play - there is a lovely lunch for the adults plus other seasonal celebrations, parties and activities - a great environment to enjoy a cuppa, share ideas about crafts & days out as well as find support and advice.



**Bishops Cleeve**

Every Tuesday, 9.30am to 11.30am (term time only)

St Michael's Church Hall, School Road, Bishops Cleeve, GL52 8BA

[St Michael's Centre \(stmichaelscentrebc.co.uk\)](http://stmichaelscentrebc.co.uk)

**Forest of Dean**

Dymock village hall (near Newent), term time only,

Every other Wednesday, this may change to a Monday in September. TBC

**Stroud**

The Pavilion in the Park, Victory Park, Lower Church Road, Cainscross, Stroud GL5 4JE

Every other Thursday, Term time only



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