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Early Years Newsletter

23 April 2024



National Wraparound Funding Programme

I would like to introduce myself – I am Anita McKelvey the new Early Years and Childcare Sufficiency and Business Manager (Wraparound care) at Gloucestershire County Council. I have been working hard since I started earlier this month to put in place information systems and forms to help schools, private voluntary and independent providers, including early years settings and childminders (providers) who may want to be involved in the government initiative for wraparound care for primary school age children.

Some of you may know about this and others not. Here is a summary of what this could mean for you.

In March 2023, the government announced £289 million in funding over three financial years, 2023-24 to 2025-26, to ensure that all parents of primary school children who need it, can access wraparound childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm. The aim of the programme is to help schools and providers who may wish to offer this care or extend care they already offer. In February 2024, the government published [wraparound childcare guidance](#) for schools and trusts, which sets out their role in relation to providing wraparound childcare in more detail. It outlines the support they can expect, from their local authority, to meet these expectations including where wraparound provision is delivered on school site. This guidance focuses on childcare before and after the school day during school term time, rather than provision in the school holidays.

To help us to target the grant in areas where additional childcare places are most needed we are asking all schools and childcare providers to complete the attached [Expression of Interest Form](#). This sets how you intend to create a new or expand your current wraparound provision and the funding that you may need to do this. The form asks questions to see what research you have done to determine need for this provision and the approximate amount of funding you would be looking for. Once returned to us we will review the forms and invite those schools or providers in areas where need is greatest to complete an application for the first tranche of funding grants.

Please complete and return the EOI form by Friday 3 May 2024.

We will be running some support sessions alongside our Early Years Business support team across the county as well so please let us know if you would like to attend one of these. These will provide further information and the chance to ask questions.

Expanded Entitlement Event - 15 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, GL3 4BP - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 22 May 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - The Speech House, Speech House Rd, Coleford GL16 7EL - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 10 June 2024 4.30pm to 7.30pm - Leonardo Hotel (Previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 14 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - The Manor House Hotel, High Street, Moreton-In-Marsh GL56 0LJ - [Book here](#).

Expanded Entitlement Event - 29 June 2024 9.30am to 12.30pm - Leonardo Hotel (previously Jury's Inn) Cheltenham, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham GL51 0TS - [Book here](#).

If you have any questions please contact me using the following email address wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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

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