

Welcome to our new look Business bulletin!



We are pleased to share our new look Business News Tuesday bulletin with settings.

We hope you will find this version more accessible.

As always - if you have any questions please contact the ***EY Business Support Team***.

SEND and Workforce Survey

Thank you to all of the settings who either completed and returned their

survey, or who provided the required information during a call with a member of the Business Support Team.

Congratulations to Tewkesbury where 80% of settings submitted the information, followed closely by the Forest, Cheltenham and Gloucester who came in joint second.

We hope to share more findings from the survey with you in due course.

Schools Based Nursery Updates

We have had several schools contact us for further information regarding this, please note that the guidance has been updated since first published, so we strongly advise you to refer back to the online version to ensure that you have the most recent information and are familiar with the requirements.

[School-Based Nursery Capital Grant - GOV.UK](#)

Applicants need to show good understanding of demand in the area - what does your evidence show?

Applicants need to make sure that the space they are creating meets the requirements and is suitable for nursery provision.

Role of the LA

The Early Years Sufficiency and Business Manager and the Schools Place Planning Manager are having regular meetings and are working jointly on this programme.

If you are a school considering a School Based Nursery or an Early Years provider interested in working in partnership with schools to deliver a school based nursery, please use the dedicated email address sbngrant@gloucestershire.gov.uk to send in your expression of interest.

Business Network Meeting 26/11

Thank you to all of those who attended the Business Network meeting last week where the focus was Business Planning for SEND. Please find attached the link to the short video shared at the meeting from the **Childcare Works Hub Website**, which gives some areas to consider when business planning to meet the needs of your SEND children & families.

[Dingley's Promise: Business Planning for inclusion - slides with audio - childcareworks.org.uk](https://childcareworks.org.uk)

Feedback from these meetings tells us that settings appreciate the opportunity to share their experiences within the group. Please check the business newsletters to find out the focus at future meetings.

Funding News

SPRING TERM 2024/25 - FUNDING CLAIMS TIMETABLE

Please see the following dates and deadlines for the Spring term.

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| Claim Forms for Headcount Actual Issued | 09 December 2024 |
| Headcount Actual Task Opens | 16 December 2024 |
| Eligibility Code Deadline Date | 31 December 2024 |
| Term Starts | 06 January 2025 |
| Headcount Actual Task Closes | 10 January 2025 |
| Headcount Actual Payment Released from GCC (*) - 1st Instalment | 24 January 2025 |
| 2nd Instalment received by | 30 January 2025 |
| 3rd Instalment received by | 28 February 2025 |
| 4th Instalment received by | 30 March 2025 |
| Headcount Actual payment breakdown lists issued | 27 January 2025 |
| Headcount Amendment Task Opens | 24 February 2025 |
| Headcount Amendment Task Closes | 21 March 2025 |
| Headcount Amendment Payment Released from GCC (*) | 04 April 2025 |
| Headcount Amendment payment breakdown lists issued | 07 April 2025 |
| Number of funded weeks | 12 weeks |
| Term Ends | 11 April 2025 |

Wraparound News from the Team - Anita, Roxy and Lisa

Many thanks to those who have joined our support sessions for applications in January 2025. We know that some had problems signing in and have been in touch to sort out alternative support.

There are still the following sessions available -

Thursday 9 January 2025 9.30am to 10.30am - [Book here](#).

Monday 13 January 2025 2pm to 3pm - [Book here](#).

Please see the attached [business plan](#) and [cash flow forecast](#) templates which you can access here ready for these sessions.

[Wraparound care childcare | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Next planned application window for wraparound

Application round 3: Opens 2 Jan 2025 to 31 Jan 2025 with the Grant Panel 14 Feb 2025.

There is no further application windows planned due to changes in the wraparound programme. So please make sure that you do not miss your chance to apply for funding.

If you need support in getting applications into us, please contact the team on wraparound2@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Breakfast Club Early Adopters

As announced by the Chancellor in September, the Government will be introducing free breakfast clubs in up to 750 early adopter schools from April 2025 as part of a test and learn phase in advance of national roll out.

Early adopters will offer all primary-aged children on roll at their school, no matter their circumstances, access to a free, universal breakfast club lasting at least 30 minutes that involves food, providing children with a supportive start to the day and helping families to have more choice about work. Parents and carers can choose to take up the offer although we encourage schools to promote the offer and drive take up, particularly within disadvantaged groups.

State funded schools with primary age children who wish to apply to be a breakfast club early adopter need to complete the expression of interest form via DfE login. Schools will be asked to complete a few short questions about current breakfast club provision and take-up, and there will be no expectation to explain why they wish to apply.

The expression of interest form went live on 27 November 2024 and will close on the 20 December 2024.

DfE are expressly looking to understand how the breakfast club policy is implemented in a range of schools and welcome interest from those:

- with an existing breakfast or before-school childcare offer
- without any existing provision
- that already work with, or are considering working with, private, voluntary or independent (PVI) childcare providers, including childminders, to deliver their breakfast clubs
- that may face initial challenges with setting up breakfast club provision (this will help us to understand how best to support schools).

Schools and providers can also find out more information using the following link.

[Breakfast clubs early adopters scheme - GOV.UK.](#)

Wraparound providers and Early Years children – some answers to questions about whether children younger than reception can attend breakfast or after school clubs.

Upcoming events from the Business

Support, Funding and Wraparound Teams

In person training

Business Development for Aspiring Leaders (previously Personal Development for Aspiring Early Years Leaders) - 3 December 2024 - 10.00am to 12noon - Shire Hall - Book [here](#).

***Please note** - most training is subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email [EY Administrators](#).*

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.

Online training

Business Development for Aspiring Leaders (previously Personal Development for Aspiring Early Years Leaders) - 5 December 2024 - 3pm to 5pm - Book [here](#).

Business Network Teams Meeting - 10 December 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - Book [here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - 9 January 2025 - 9.30am to 10.30am - Online - Book [here](#).

Wraparound Application Business Plan Training - 13 January 2025 - 2pm to 3pm - Online - Book [here](#).

Where the course is online delegates will receive the links to the training on the morning of the event.

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