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13 August 2024

Good morning!

Welcome to this week's Business Newsletter.

As many of you are working term time only, we have decided to reduce the frequency of the Business News Tuesday publication, therefore over the summer Business news Tuesday will only be published on:

13 August 2024

27 August

If you have any questions, please email the [Early Years Administrators](#).

Thank you for the positive feedback for the business newsletters, please share with others asking them to subscribe.

Business and Finance News

Early Years Recruitment - JCP Tewkesbury Job Fair

As part of our ongoing partnership with Job Centre Plus which has now been rolled out in County, due to the success of the trial in Gloucester City, we attended the Provider Fair in Tewkesbury on the 8.8.24.



About 60 customers attended and we managed to engage with customers regarding their childcare entitlements as well as promoting potential careers within the Early Years Sector, so another successful event.

We will continue to promote both elements of childcare, as well as childminding opportunities at further events.

This service is free to use and will ensure vacancies are seen by a large pool of potential candidates. Please see [DWP Find a Job instructions](#).

Please also look out for our NEW Marketing and Early Years Careers campaign that will be launching very soon.

Early Years Entitlements

Working Parents Entitlement For Under 2s – Autumn term

We can confirm that the Provider Portal has now been updated and a separate task is open for you to add your funding claims to for those children that you will be claiming the new 9 month old, funded entitlements for in the Autumn term. Please validate the Working Parent Entitlement codes before adding new children to this task.

2, 3 & 4 year olds should continue to be added to the task that opened on 9th July.

Both tasks will close on **6th September**.

Charging Consumables v Condition of Access

Although the word “voluntary” has been removed from DfE’s Statutory Guidance this year, consumable charges still cannot be enforced, making it a “condition of access”. The following section from the Local Provider Agreement should be considered when setting your fee structures:

12.3 Providers should be mindful of the impact of additional charges, especially on the most disadvantaged parents. Where parents are unable to pay for meals and consumables, providers who choose to offer the free entitlements are responsible for setting their own policy on providing parents with options for alternatives to additional charges, including waiving or reducing the cost of meals and snacks or allowing parents to supply their own meals.

DfE have also shared the following statement with the Early Years Alliance organisation:

[DfE clarifies guidance around additional early years charges for parents | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

Childcare Sufficiency Report 2024

The report has been finalised and is ready to go to the Council Cabinet meeting in September, it will be put on the early years website as soon as we are able to publish it.

Training Programme Autumn 2024

Look out for the new training programme which will be shared soon.

Business Team Network Meetings

We look forward to welcoming more of you to these meetings over the coming months. Please let us know of any specific areas you would like to discuss, send any suggestions to the [EY business inbox](#).

Please look out for the focus for the next meeting, our August meeting has Sue Bodenham the lead for the EY funding entitlement she will be able to give any current updates and answer any queries.

The dates and booking links are as follows:

20 August 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

Nursery Funding Focus- opportunity to speak with Sue Bodenham regarding any queries

19 September 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

15 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

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26 November 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

17 December 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - book [here](#).

As these are online meetings and bookings will close the day before. We will send out the links on the morning of each event. If you need to book late at any time, please email the [Early Years Admin Team](#).

Useful Contacts

Gloucestershire Early Years: [Early Years and Childcare | Early Years Service \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](#)

Childcare Works: Useful tools for settings regarding business: [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](#)

Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted): Ofsted inspects and regulates services that care for children and young people [Ofsted - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

PATA: PATA now has support tools available to purchase for non-members as well as members, including sample policies tailored specifically for Gloucestershire. [PATA \(UK\) - Home \(pataglos.org.uk\)](#) These and other resources are available at [\(PATA \(UK\) - Shop \(pataglos.org.uk\)\)](#) We'll be adding more policies and other bundles of documents over the next few months.

Out of School Alliance: Provides information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, including breakfast cubs, after school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes. [Out of School Alliance | The web site of Out of School Alliance](#)

The Early Years Alliance: This charity is the largest early year's membership organisation that offers information and advice to the early years sector [Early Years Alliance | \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA): A charity and membership association for the nursery sector and people working in early years [National Day Nurseries Association - NDNA](#)

Professional Association for Childcare Professionals (PACEY): A charity providing membership support that represents childminders and childcare professionals [Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years | PACEY](#)

Childcare Choices: A website that provides information to parents and the early years and childcare sector on support available to pay for childcare [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

GOV.UK: A sector information website where parents and the early years sector can find details of government services [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC): Provides information, advice and targeted financial support to families and individuals [HM Revenue & Customs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Charity Commission: The commission registers and regulates charities in England and Wales [The Charity Commission - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Companies House: Companies house incorporates companies and makes company information available to the public [Companies House - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS): Provides free and impartial information to employers and employees on all aspects of work-based relationships and employment law [Acas | Making working life better for everyone in Britain](http://www.acas.org.uk)



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