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Early Years Provider update

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Dear provider,

We hope everyone is well and enjoying the term so far. We seem to go from one temperature to another in a matter of days. This is a great time to explore the different outside environments with the children, learning about frosty mornings with frozen cobwebs, and melting puddles as it all starts to thaw.

Early Education and Child Development team

Gloucestershire's Guide to Good Transitions

Please don't forget to make use of our [Gloucestershire's Guide to Good Transitions](#) It gives simple advice and guidance for providers, schools and parents of children through their pre-school year and into their first term in reception.

Please share with parents of your pre-school children as this document is intended for children on the graduated pathway as well as those who do not require any additional support. For children with EHCPs, please signpost parents to their child's Case Co-ordinator in the EHCP Team for information about transitions.

If you have any questions about using our 'Gloucestershire's Guide to Good Transitions' document, please contact the Early Years Advice Line on 01452 425959 (Monday and Wednesday 12pm-5pm) or email us on eyesadvice@goucestershire.gov.uk

Early Education – Gloucestershire Branch

Early Education are hosting a **free** CPD session with Rebecca Skinner and Becky Poulter Jewson, 'Introduction to Gestalt Language Processing' on Monday 24th February, 7pm-8pm. You can book your place [here](#).

The [Early Education Gloucestershire branch](#) is a group of committed Early Years practitioners from across the County, who come together to

network, share creative ideas to enhance practice, and develop each other's professional understanding of their roles.

Information on Wraparound funding for Childminders

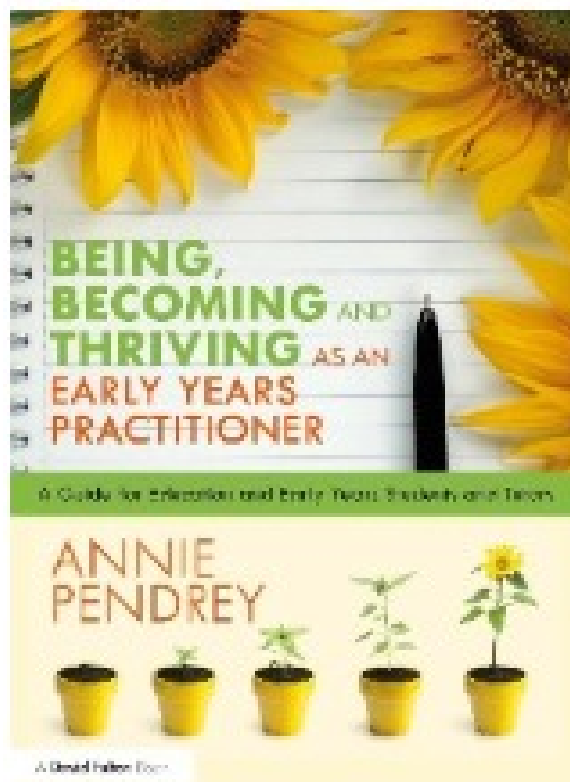
The Wraparound team will be at the [Childminder Network Meeting](#) at 7pm on Monday 20th January, please come along to ask any questions about wraparound funding and to find out how the team can support you with applications.

Book Corner

This week's book 'Being, becoming and thriving as an Early Years Practitioner' is a great pick for your staff room. It's a relatively new publication, from 2024, and is packed with ideas for new practitioners, and those looking for some inspiration in their role!

It also compliments our '[Welcome to the Early Years](#)' training which we will be hosting again this May.

Have you been using our book recommendations to build a 'Practitioner library' for your staff rooms? We'd love to see your photos if so, please send them to EarlyYearsQuality@gloucestershire.gov.uk



CPD Spotlight

If you joined us at our Early Years Conference in November, you may have already had the pleasure of meeting Early Years consultant, Zelfher Ferguson.

Not only is Zelfher joining us in February to deliver two face-to-face sessions of 'Behavioural change in Early Years', through a [morning session](#) and an [afternoon session](#), she is also offering a free live webinar on Thursday 13th February, 4pm-5pm about 'Affecting behavioural change'. Book your place [here](#).

Information from Health Protection South West

Key steps you can take to prevent or manage an outbreak of acute respiratory infections include:

- Exclude any individual who has a high temperature and are unwell, until they no longer have a high temperature (without taking calpol or paracetamol) and are well enough to attend the setting. Do not exclude individuals with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well.
- Promote good hand and cough hygiene practices.
- Please continue to maintain robust cleaning practices. During any outbreak we recommend increasing the frequency of cleaning,
- Continue to promote and support vaccination for eligible groups including the [Flu vaccination programme 2024 to 2025: briefing for primary schools - GOV.UK](#), [COVID-19 vaccine - NHS](#) and the [national routine immunisation](#) schedule.

Settings are no longer required to report outbreaks of Acute Respiratory Infections to UKHSA, however we do encourage settings to contact us if they have an outbreak and:

- you are a setting that is **dedicated** to children who are clinically vulnerable

- anyone is **admitted to hospital** (or there is a death).
- you think you have cases of confirmed flu (testing generally only takes place in hospital) **AND** scarlet fever / GAS in the **SAME CLASS** (not just the same year group)
- you are still getting **SIGNIFICANT** numbers of new cases after **3 WEEKS** despite implementing all of the recommendations advised below, and you are still concerned about the situation.

The [Managing specific infectious diseases: A to Z - GOV.UK](#) guidance which provides advice on how to manage specific infectious diseases and when to contact the Health Protection Team

The South West Protection Team also continues to run free webinars aimed at providing early years and school settings with information about to prevent and manage cases and outbreaks of infectious diseases. The next webinar will take place on **THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 4-5PM** – you can book your place here [Health Protection in Education and Early Years settings Webinar](#)

Training and other opportunities!

Childminder Network Meeting - 20 January 2025 - 19:00 - 20:00

- Teams meeting [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - 23 January 2025 - 16:00 - 18:00 - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 1 - 30 January 2025 16:00 - 18:00 - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD [Book here](#)

Behavioural Change in Early Years: Supporting Children with Additional Needs - 5 February 10:00 - 12:00, Gloucester Farmers club (FAR01 / Main reception) , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

Behavioural Change in Early Years: Supporting Children with Additional Needs - 5 February 13:00 - 15:00, Gloucester Farmers club (FAR01 / Main reception) , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 2 - 13 February 2025 - 16:00 - 18:00 - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS **[Book here](#)**

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 25 February 7.00 - 8.00pm (via Teams) **[Book here](#)**

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 4 March 4.00 - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) **[Book here](#)**

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 5 March 1.00pm - 3.30pm - University of Gloucestershire Oxstalls Campus, Oxstalls Lane, Longlevens GL2 9HW **[Book here](#)**

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 6 March 6.30pm - 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) **[Book here.](#)**

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

You can book Total Communication in the Early Years training through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account and then type Total Communications into the search bar. You will then see the link for this service.

Once you have booked and checked out, please contact eyesadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk to arrange a date and time for delivery of the course.

Please note - most training and all events (excluding some meetings) are subject to a charge. Please check the price when you make your booking. If you are in any doubt, please email eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

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.*



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