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Early Years Newsletter

18 October 2024



Welcome to the Provider Update 49 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

It has been lovely seeing children and practitioners exploring all things autumn and Halloween this week. I have even learnt some new songs!

This part of the year is busy for everyone but do remember to take time out for yourself where you can. Self-sacrifice and

professional love often come hand in hand within our sector but remember you work to live not the other way round.

Early Education and Child Development Team

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) safeguarding reforms from September 2025

You may remember the DfE consulted on changes to safeguarding requirements back in the Summer. The findings of this were published this week and these reforms will be implemented from 1st September 2025. [Early Years Foundation Stage safeguarding reforms - consultation response](#)

Dingley's Promise Mark of Achievement

The Early Education and Child Development Team would like to say a huge congratulations to another 13 Early Years providers who have achieved their Dingley's Promise Mark of Achievement over the past few months. Well done to you all!

Elaina Davis, Butterflies Childminding Services, Parkend Playgroup, Yorkley Playgroup

Rowanfield Early Years, Kelly Hughes of Little Explorers Childminders

Ruardean Acorns, St Peter's Under 5's, Circus Day Nursery, Finlay Nursery,

Mitton Minis Childminding, Cashes Green Playgroup, Kings Stanley Playgroup

Happy Kids Education Centre and Nursery

Let's see who will be next on our list - [Dingley's Promise](#) Mark of Achievement Award.

ECAT Training – 'How to use the ECAT monitoring tool'

The ECAT (Every Child a Talker) monitoring tool supports practitioners to assess the developmental level of children's speech, language and communication.

The session will:

- introduce the monitoring tool and how to use it.
- focus on how to effectively assess a child's speech, language and communication.

- highlight the importance of regular monitoring and review.

It is 1.5 hours and will take place online via Teams. It is limited to 15 delegates per session at a cost of £15 per person. Book now on GCC+ to secure your place. We are running several dates, please see GCC+ to book.

CPD Spotlight

Safer Feeding and Choking First Aid Training (Free Training) 28th November 7pm

Tigerlily Training has partnered with [The Oliver Steeper Foundation](#) to provide a **FREE Essential Two-Hour Course**. This course is available to all nursery staff across the UK. The training will be delivered virtually via Zoom with our leading First Aid Training; the course will focus on **Safe Feeding Practices** and how to give **First Aid Treatment to a Choking Infant or Child** and answer any questions you may have. For further information do explore [Safer Feeding & Choking First Aid Training 28th November 2024](#)



SENCO Cluster Meetings

Don't forget to book on and attend your local SENCo cluster meeting. These meetings provide a great opportunity to network, and problem solve with like minded people. An educational psychologist also attends these meetings.

Training and other opportunities!

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) - [Book here.](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 1) - 14 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

Welcome to the Early Years - 18 November 2024 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here.](#)

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 21 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here.](#)

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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