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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years
Provider update

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Dear provider,

Wow how hot has it been this week! Definitely time to get the summer clothes down from the loft, (although I'm not going to put my woolly jumpers away just yet!)

This week we have some guidance from the DfE to share, an invitation to visit the MASH team, and a reminder about some of our upcoming training opportunities.

Have a great weekend.

Early Years and Childcare Service

Nutrition guidance

From September 2025, there is a new requirement in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework that early years providers 'should' have regard to which is outlined in the new [Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance](#).



Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance

Guidance for group and school-based providers and childminders in England

April 2025

[Help for early years providers](#) also offers additional information and resources which can help support practitioners meet the EYFS requirement that states: 'Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious'.

Sunscreen and Sun safety

Now is a great time to review your policies and make sure you are keeping children (and yourselves) safe in the sun.

Take a look at this advice from the NHS about [sunscreen and sun safety](#).

Allegations Management Process and Role of LADO

If you were unable to attend the session delivered by one of Gloucestershire LADO's, you can see the recording and [slides](#) here. [Allegations Management Webinar](#)

There is more than one LADO in Gloucestershire and your safeguarding policy should reflect the correct contact details as follows; amadmin@gloucestershire.gov.uk or 01452 426994

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership

For those of you who were unable to attend the webinar regarding GSCP arrangements you can access the recording and [slides](#) here:

[Partnership Arrangement Webinar](#)

GSCP Designated Safeguarding Lead Hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL support hub meeting on;

Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 8.30am.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

DSL visits to the MASH

We strongly encourage safeguarding leads from all Gloucestershire Early Years settings to visit the Gloucestershire MASH (Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester).

The remaining visits dates for this academic year are between 2-3pm on 22/5/25, 26/6/25 (changed from 19/6/25) and 10/07/25.

To book your place please email Halah Shams El-Din at halah.shamseldin@gloucestershire.gov.uk, call on 01452 328953, or complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/NwxRfERKpT>

Reporting changes to your registration to

Ofsted

Ofsted have made it easier for you to tell them about changes to your registration.

The 'Registered Person' is the person, company or organisation registered with Ofsted to provide childcare. The registered person can be made up of individuals known as associated people, which can include household members (those living on the domestic premises where childcare takes place).

If there's a change to people connected to your registration, you can let Ofsted know by emailing enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk from the email address connected to your Ofsted registration. Ofsted will aim to respond in 5 working days and let you know if they need any further information. In your email, make sure to include:

- the words 'Report association changes' in the subject line
- your organisation's unique reference number(s) (URN)
- the change to your organisation and / or associated people
- the details of any associated people including:
 - their name and date of birth
 - if they are joining or leaving your organisation
 - their role in your organisation
 - any other changes involving them
 - date the change(s) take effect

Welcome to the Early Years

Do you have any team members who are new to the early years workforce, or returning after a break? Then we have the perfect session for you! [**Welcome to the Early Years**](#) offers an introduction to the Early Years Foundation stage statutory framework, discusses working in partnership with parents, and the importance of the key person role.

Mathstastics in Early Years with Ben Kingston-Hughes – FINAL BOOKING WEEK

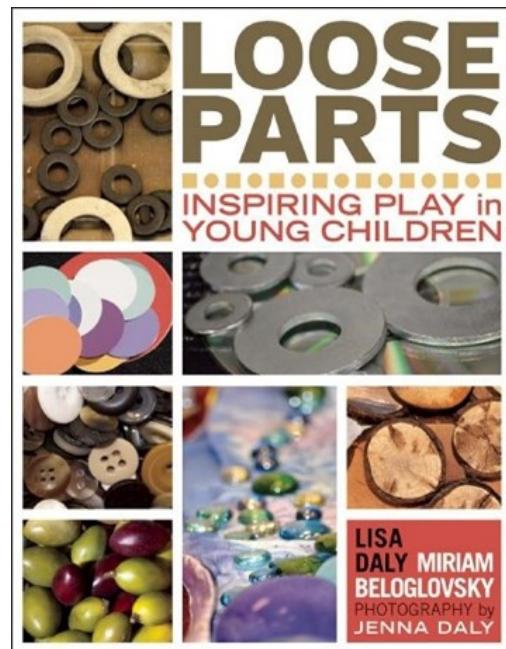
We are very excited that Ben is returning to Gloucestershire following his successful input at the conference in 2024. This session is full of ideas to take back to your setting and explore with young children. All levels of practitioners are welcome to join us, especially those that find the subject 'Maths' a little daunting.

The morning session is now full, but there are a few places left in the afternoon from 1-3. This is a real treat, and those of you that have seen Ben before will agree he's not a presenter you forget!

Book Corner

The EY Quality team have received lots of wonderfully curious questions recently during visits about the benefits of open-ended play, and specifically around the use of loose parts.

This book by Lisa Daly and Miriam Beloglovsky explores how to inspire play in young children through interactions with loose parts. Allowing children to enter a world of 'what if', enhancing their ability to think imaginatively and see solutions, as well as bringing a sense of adventure and excitement!



Social Media



Lots of you have been sharing with us about how you use your social media accounts to engage with your families and the local community.

Social media has increasingly become a really popular platform for the early years sector to showcase the daily lives and activities shared in their settings as well as being a valuable sources of ideas and sharing of information to support continuous improvement.

Here's some Instagram accounts providers have shared with us that you may wish to follow for inspiration and ideas...

@earlyyearsoutdoor
@early_years_steph
@miss_e_early_years
@millies_garden
@earlyyearsonashoestring
@inspiremyplay
@canigoandplaynow
@earlychildhood
@abcdoes
@instituteofearlyyearseducation



Instagram

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during May & June
- Book now!

Welcome to the Early Years - 9 May 2025 - 09:30am - 12:30pm -
Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester,
GL2 9RG. [Book here](#)

Mathtastics in the Early Years - May 2025 - 1.00pm until 3.00pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG. Book [here](#).

Childminder Network Meeting (Teams) - 19 May 2025 -7.00pm - 8.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 21 May 2025 1.00pm - 3.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 04/06/2025 - 6.00pm - 8.00pm - Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge GL2 7DD - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 05/06/2025 - 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years - 05/06/2025 - 16:00 - 18:00pm - Oakwood Primary, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD – [Book here](#).

Creating Your Early Years Curriculum - 06/06/2025 10:00am - noon - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 10/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) (Training Room) – [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) – [Book here](#)

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years –

12/06/2025(Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Gloucester locality.

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (SIOT Level 2) – Practical Strategies: sensory processing in the Early Years – 19/06/2025 (Awaiting venue to be confirmed), booking not yet available. Training will be held within Stroud locality.

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 23/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5:30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 24/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCo Cluster Meeting - 25/06/2025 - 4.00pm - 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 (SIOT Level 1) - 26/06/2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Chesterton Primary School, Apsley Road Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 1SS [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years - This training is provided in house at your setting.

You can now book Total Communication in the Early Years through GCC+. To do this you will need to log into your setting's GCC+ account. Go to the **search bar** on the **home page**, and type in Total Communications and **press the search key**.

You will then see the link for the Total Communications for you to book.

(Please note – if you search in the ‘training section’ or the ‘services’ section, you won’t find it. It must be searched for in the home page search and the search key pressed). NB - If you just press enter, it won’t find it.

Once you have booked and checked out your training, you will be contacted by an EY Inclusion Advisor to arrange the date and time for the delivery of your course. If you have not heard from us within 2 weeks, please contact the EY Admin Team: eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

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

Please refer to the cancellation policy for your event, as charges may apply.



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