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Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 56 - 13th December 2024



Dear provider,

Friday the 13th is upon us, so I decided to look into why it is considered so unlucky... Well, it turns out that religion and folklore have got together and spilled over to a general dislike of starting anything – or doing anything important on a Friday, particularly on Friday 13th! However, this Friday is Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of 'Save the Children' and National Hot Chocolate Day. So, I will be donning my jumper and drinking hot chocolate (very carefully).

This week we have lots of CPD opportunities, our usual DSL information and a link to the Foundation Years: Safeguarding Excellence.

Early Education and Child Development team

DSL Support Hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the last DSL support hub for 2024 on Wednesday 18th December 2024.

These 30-minute sessions run every other Wednesday throughout the academic year (term time only) – there will be input from GHLL, Early Help, Community Social Workers and Police decision makers within the MASH, who alongside the GSEP team will be passing on current information, guidance and policies. DSL Support Hubs will resume on 15th January 2025.

The next DSL Support Hub meeting is at 8.30am on Wednesday 18th December 2024. Log in details below.

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

Join on a video conferencing device

Tenant key: gloucestershire@m.webex.com

Video ID: 123 889 287 7

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Safeguarding Excellence: Protecting Our Youngest Learners

Foundation Years held a webinar recently which focused on critical aspects of safeguarding children in early years. [Safeguarding Excellence: Protecting Our Youngest Learners - Foundation Years](#)

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.

National Deaf Children's Society - Free online information sessions

Would you like to get insights and tips to help you better support children who are deaf or have hearing loss, including glue ear?

Join the National Deaf Children's Society's 'Together We Can' series of four online training sessions for early years professionals. Each week, you'll explore a different topic designed to help you in your role.

When?

- Monday 20 January, 3.45pm to 5pm
- Monday 27 January, 3.45pm to 5pm
- Monday 3 February, 3.45pm to 5pm
- Monday 10 February, 3.45pm to 5pm

The sessions are free, and you're welcome to join as many as you like.

Who are these sessions for?

The sessions are suitable for anyone who works with children in an early years setting, such as nurseries, crèches, pre-schools or reception classes.

Why attend?

- Learn simple ways to support children's language and communication, as well as their social and emotional wellbeing.
- Meet a parent of a deaf child who will share their tips for a positive transition to a childcare or other early years setting.
- Ask questions and explore ways to apply your new skills in your setting.

Book your free place:<> <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/together-we-can-support-deaf-children-tickets-1047888772527?aff=oddtcreator>

Every Child a Talker (ECAT) Profile Training

Every Child a Talker (ECAT) monitoring tool supports practitioners to assess the developmental level of children's speech, language and communication. The tool was developed as part of the National Strategies ECAT programme and is one of the screening tools that can be used for the Gloucestershire Communication and Language Pathway.

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

We will be delivering online ECAT Profile Training during January and March so please look out for the dates on our provider email and book your place.

Training and other opportunities!

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 19 December 2024, 19:00 - 20:00, Online via TEAMS [Book here](#)

SIOT Level 1 - 16 January 2025 -16.00 - 18:00, Chesterton Primary School (Apsley Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1SS). [Book here](#)

SENCo Training for Early Years (previously New to SENCO Training for Early Years) **Day 1** - 23 January 2025 09:00 - 15:00 & **Day 2** - 30 January 2025 09:00 - 15:00. Shire Hall (SHI01 / Main reception), Clearwell Room, Shire Hall, Westgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2TG [Book here](#)

Behavioural Change in Early Years: Supporting Children with Additional Needs - 05 Feb 2025 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 - 05 Feb 2025 13:00 - 15:00, Gloucester Farmers club (FAR01 / Main reception) , Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [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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