



## Welcome to the Early Years Childminder Newsletter - January 2025



**Happy New Year to you all and we hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break**

### **Childminder Network Meetings (Teams)**

The dates are now available to book for this year.

Please let me know if there is anything you would like to focus on.

January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm will be focused on Wraparound funding applications.  
(Click link below, under Filters type in 'Childminder Network Meeting' and you will see all the events available to book).

[Childminder Network Meetings](#)

## **Wraparound Care Childcare**

Please see the website for further information about the funding available to support you in offering Wraparound care. The application window opens 2 January and closes 31 January, so please apply soon as you will need a business plan – the team will support you with this.

**Wraparound Care Childcare**

## **Bristol and Beyond**

Bristol and Beyond offer free training for Gloucestershire Childminders.

### **Working with Babies' Workshops**

January 15, 2025 @ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. EEF Physical Development Toolkit - What to Know and How to Use It with Hellen Battelley (online).

January 21 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. SPH Introduction Session - What can the SPH do for your Setting? For Childminders (online).

January 23 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Quality Interactions for Early Years Settings/Schools and Childminders (online).

**Working with Babies' Network - Bristol Early Years  
Teaching Hub**

January 28, 9:30-12:00pm - Working with Babies' workshop for Gloucestershire.

The workshop will explore key aspects of the role of the practitioner when working with babies. There will be opportunities to discuss and reflect upon recent birth-2's research and consider how to use this to inform and develop practice in individual settings. (Face-to-face in Cirencester).

**Working with Babies' Workshop for Gloucestershire**



## What's Coming Up for Childminders: Jan - March 2025

### DON'T MISS OUT ON...

- **EEF Physical Development Toolkit – What to Know and How to Use It with Helen Battelley: Jan 15, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **What can the SPH do for Childminders? Jan 21, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**
- **Quality Interactions for EYs Settings, Schools & Childminders: Jan 23, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

### PSED EVENTS

- **Emotion Coaching to Support Self-Regulation for EYs & Childminders: Feb 5, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

### MATHS NETWORK

- **Live Panel Webinar – Why Playful Maths? With Dr Helen Williams & Panelists: Feb 12, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

### BIRTH – 3's NETWORKS

- **Getting it Right for Babies (attend both sessions): Feb 13 and March 6, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **Supporting Two Year Olds Speech and Language, Mar 5, 6–7.30pm**
- **Birth – 3s Regional Reflection: Mar 20, 6 – 7.30pm**

### ED&I EVENTS

- **It Starts With Us: EDI Taster For Childminders: Mar 18, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**



Book here:  
[www.beyth.co.uk/sph](http://www.beyth.co.uk/sph)

## Stronger Practice Hub Events

### FREE Alliance Connect: Early Years Leaders Network

Monday 13 January, 6.30pm - 7.30pm. (Online).

Calling all owners, managers, leaders and childminding professionals!

Join your next Early Years Leaders Network, a safe space for those in leadership roles in the early years to join together and collaborate:

- connect, support, and share ideas about the current challenges facing the early years education and childcare sector
- make links with colleagues in similar roles
- become part of a support network to engage, share knowledge, experience, and best practice

This is your half termly meeting and your opportunity to set the agenda

for discussion. No topic is off limits – so why not join us for a virtual coffee and a chat this November.

## EYA Central - Early Years Leaders Network



### When to contact EY S&L Support:

- ✓ EY Provider has evidenced need (eg using ECAT/progress review/RFL etc) and the child has not yet been referred to Speech and Language Therapy Service
- ✓ EY provider has implemented interventions/ resources but child is not making progress
- ✓ EY provider is unsure what interventions/resources to use
- ✓ EY provider is unsure whether to make a referral to Speech and Language Therapy Service
- ✓ EY provider wishes to discuss a cohort of children presenting with speech, language and communication delay
- ✓ EY provider would like support to develop a "communication friendly" environment
- ✓ A referral to S&L has been submitted, but the setting would like some advice/support whilst the child is waiting to be allocated a named therapist

**Available every Wednesday from 08.30am-4.00pm**

Please email [Rebecca.skinner@ghc.nhs.uk](mailto:Rebecca.skinner@ghc.nhs.uk)  
Speech and Language Therapist

You will receive a response within a maximum of 10 working days.



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### Have Your Say Survey

If you have received any support from the Quality team in the last year, we would be really interested to have your feedback. Please could you complete this short survey. Thank you.

**Have Your Say - Early Years Service Quality Support**

## Feedback Survey 2024

Thank you for reading and I hope you find the Childminder Newsletters informative and useful. Please email [Caroline Vans](#) with any questions. Alternatively, if you need something more urgent, please email the [Early Years Quality Team](#).



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