

Early Years Childminder Newsletter - July 2025



Dear Childminders,

Welcome to your July Newsletter.

I hope you have been enjoying the hot sunny weather and have managed to keep children safe in the shade with hats and plenty of suncream.

Please continue to book on for the face-to-face training evening specifically for childminders (see below) - I will bring cake!

In this newsletter there is booking information for Total Communication Training for Childminders – please keep booking as the more book on, the more face-to-face sessions I can arrange.

I am looking at a free network meeting in Gloucester in September so watch this space - hopefully can find some free venues in other

areas. Please let me know if you are aware of anywhere.

There is also the latest from the Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub, and information about a new training module from Childminding UK. As well as a whole selection of Blogs from Childminding UK, and Twinkl are celebrating childminders this month.

Total Communication Training for Childminders

We are running a Total Communication training session specifically for Childminders at Gloucester Farmers Club on 9 July 2025, from 7.00 - 8.30pm. Refreshments on arrival.

The training will help you to develop skills by exploring:

- How children develop their communication skills
- How to provide good quality adult:child interactions
- How to provide a communication friendly environment, using a range of communication methods including signs
- Why and how to use visuals

This session will also enable you to add resources to your practitioner communication tool kit and each delegate will receive a certificate for their CPD.

[Book: Total Communication Training for Childminders](#)

Childminder Network Meetings (Teams)

16 July 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Nutritional Guidance.

[Book: 16 July - Childminder Network meeting](#)

14 August 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Changes to the EYFS from September 2025.

Book: 14 August - Childminder Network meeting

15 September 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Climate Action Plan.

Book: 15 September - Childminder Network meeting

14 October 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - New Inspection Framework.

Book: 14 October - Childminder Network meeting

19 November 2025, 7.00-8.00pm, online via TEAMS (Free) - Adult Education (GCC).

Book: 19 November - Childminder Network meeting

Please use the opportunity to attend the Network meetings, which are all free, or they may drop to termly events.

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.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 100% refund
- Less than 2 weeks before the training course is due to take place – 0% refund
- If GCC cancels a training course, we will issue a refund automatically. If you paid by credit card, the refund will be paid back to the same card. If you paid by invoice, you will receive a credit note.
- If you need to cancel your place on a training course within two

weeks of the course and there are special circumstances, please contact eyservice@gloucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.

Stronger Practice Hub Events - Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub

The Stronger Practice Hub has a number of training sessions:

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Physical Development - The 8 Sensory Systems with Helen Battelley

Date 8 July 2025 **Time** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm **Venue** Virtual Event
Organiser Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub **Price** Free

On this webinar, we'll go beyond the five senses we're all familiar with and dive into all eight sensory systems - including proprioception, vestibular, and interoception—and explore how they influence a child's physical development, behaviour, and ability to engage with the world around them.

Physical Development - The 8 Sensory Systems with Helen Battelley

Tuning in to Babies

Date 15 July and 29 July 2025 **Time** 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Venue Virtual Event **Organiser** Bristol & Beyond Stronger Practice Hub
Price Free

This session will explore the basics of effective, authentic, meaningful interactions with children in the early years. We will cover what makes for quality interactions: the way we use our body and voice, how we listen, pause, and reflect on children's learning with them, how we can deepen their thinking, provoke new learning, and delight in the children's fascinations. We will use the quality interaction checklist to learn more

about how to develop good practice, as well as guidance from the EEF Evidence Store.

[Tuning in to Babies](#)

Childminder Appreciation Week - Twinkl

Welcome to Twinkl's Childminder Appreciation Week blog! This is your one-stop guide for all the exciting events and exclusive treats they have planned to celebrate and thank you, our dedicated childminders.

[Childminder Appreciation Week - Twinkl](#)

Safer Recruitment Best Practice / Childminding UK

Safer Recruitment Best Practice Module

New safeguarding reforms are coming into effect in September which include safer recruitment as one of the most important aspects of safeguarding children. This, along with the recent change from the Department for Education allowing childminders to work with up to three assistants (a total of four adults including the childminder), more childminders are beginning to grow their provision and work as part of a team. Whether you're already working with assistants or planning to expand in the future, it's essential to know how to recruit the right people safely and confidently. That's why Childminding UK have created a new Safer Recruitment online training course, designed specifically for childminders like you.

[Safer Recruitment Best Practice / Childminding UK](#)

Empowering Early Years: Explore Childminding UK Blogs

Each month Childminding UK, create an engaging and informative blog designed to assist childminders and early years practitioners in navigating the complex and ever-evolving landscape of their profession.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Childminders along with all early years practitioners have a responsibility to safeguard children from all types of harm, including risks associated with digital technology.

This blog includes case studies, Practical Ways to Introduce Digital Literacy and Safe Technology Use and links to useful resources.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Please find below, links to their other blogs:

Navigating the
Early Help and
SEND Timeline

Promoting Positive
Mental Health for
Childminders:
Practical Guidance
and Support

Safer Recruitment

Maths

Literacy

Professional Love

Understanding Self
and Co-Regulation

Understanding
Personal, Social
and Emotional
Development in
the Early Years

Engaging Boys

Promoting Physical
Development
through Outdoor
Play

Completing Your 2
Year Progress
Check

Embracing Hygge

Understanding
Schemas in the
Early Years

Building Smooth
transitions

Intent,
Implementation
and Impact
Explained

Why CPD is
Important

Loose Parts

Working in
Partnership with
Parents

Play with Babies

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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