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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years
Provider update

Provider Update 79 - 20 June 2025



Dear provider,

What a wonderful, sunny week we are having! However with the joys of the sunshine, also brings the risk, so please do take a look at the sun safety advice we have shared below.

Many of you have also been reflecting on your outdoor spaces during this heatwave and we've seen lots of wonderful ideas whilst out on our visits such as investigative water walls, nature themed loose part filled tuff trays and even book wire racks used to store children's wellies!

Best wishes,

Early Education and Child Development team

Keeping babies and children safe in the sun

Babies and young children can become ill during very hot weather. Their health can be seriously affected by dehydration, heat exhaustion and heatstroke and sunburn.

Try these [tips for keeping babies and young children happy and healthy in the heat.](#)

A Fiesta of Stories

A Fiesta of Stories is a [FREE online storytelling for Early Years settings and families](#), celebrating the stories of every community and culture in UK. On Friday 4th July 2025, Fiesta Finale will be hosting six storytelling sessions throughout the day. The event has been created by Cassandra Wye, Inclusive Storyteller, who has worked around the globe for over 30 years, championing the use of storytelling in Early Years education, to meet the needs of every child, including children with additional needs.

To register please complete this short [form](#).

Martyn's Law

We have recently received some questions from Providers about The DfE's Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 commonly known as, ['Martyn's Law'](#).

We have invited GCC's Education Safeguarding Lead, Robbie Foran, to join us at our next [Leaders and Managers Network Meeting](#) in November to talk about how this looks for the Early Years sector.

DSL support hub

Please find the [minutes](#) and the [recording](#) from the meeting held on Wednesday 4th June.

Early years SEND provision for Gloucestershire 2025 - Responses urgently needed

Please can we ask all providers to complete the following survey regarding SEND which we need to feedback into DFE to help them gain a better understanding of the needs of children in our early years settings. [Early Years Consultation 2025 | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

We need the information back as soon as possible.

CPD spotlight

This week's spotlight is on Early Education's Gloucestershire branch who are hosting an 'Introduction to The Forest Play Approach'.

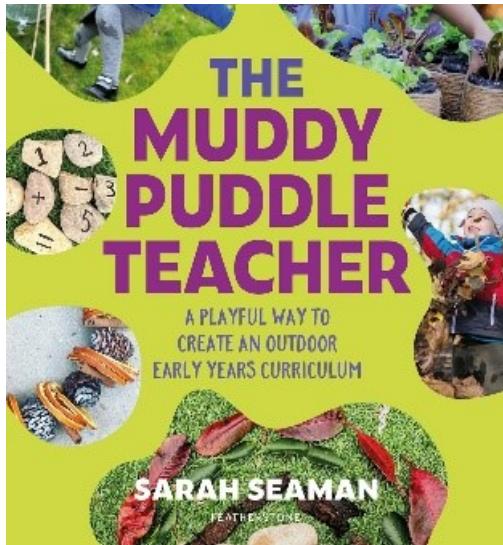
Join Early Years professionals Mindy and Becky for an introduction for this session combining exploring how to develop outdoor learning environments on a budget, and understanding how to create optimum opportunities for speech, language and communication helping children to thrive and improve their outcomes.

This hour-long session will be hosted outdoors at the University of Gloucestershire in their wonderful forest school. Places are limited so [book your place now](#) to avoid missing out!

Book Corner



The sunshine has brought lots of reflections on outdoor spaces this



week. This book by Sarah Seaman 'The Muddy puddle teacher: A playful way to create an outdoor early years curriculum' is full of engaging, active and inclusive inspirations. Based around the principle of the Three Muddy M's – Mother nature, Mental health and getting more kids Moving, the book includes simple outdoor activity ideas for every season.

Training & Meetings

The following training & meetings will be taking place during the summer months - Book now!

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](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 02/07/2025 9:30 - 10:30am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 02/07/2025 10.45 - 11.45am - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for

Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 1.00 to 2.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

NEW - How to Apply for EY Expansion and Wraparound Grants (for Wraparound providers) - 14/07/2025 - 4.00 to 5.00pm - Online via TEAMS - [Book here](#)

Childminder Network Meeting - 16/07/2025 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Online via Teams [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training for Childminders - 09/07/2025 - 7.00 - 8.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, GL2 9RG [Book here](#)

New - Baby Room Network Meeting - 06/08/2025 - 6:00 - 7:30pm - Partou Longlevens Day Nursery & Pre-School, 82 Church Road, Gloucester, GL2 0AA - [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@goucestershire.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@goucestershire.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@goucestershire.gov.uk and we will consider your request on a case-by-case basis.



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