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Early Years Newsletter

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Welcome to the Provider Update 52 (2024/25)

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Hi everyone,

We hope you have had a lovely week, making the most of the glimpses of sunshine we have still been fortunate to have.

This week we have some information to share from our Early Help colleagues about the Free Hospital Trust Fund, lots of exciting CPD opportunities, and our new feature 'The Book Corner', which we hope you enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend!

Early Education and Child Development team

Annual SEND survey for Parent Carers

Please display the attached [poster](#) in your setting, and encourage all parent carers of children with special educational needs to take the opportunity to share their views and experiences by the closing date on Sunday 8th December 2024.

The Free Hospital Trust Fund (FHTF) for Children & Young People

The [Free Hospital Fund for Children](#) provides grants for the benefit of sick and suffering children who reside in Gloucestershire. The grants include:

- Clothing and shoes and if applicable, bedding grants for individual children and their siblings (who are aged 18 years and under at the time of the funding allocation).
- Block grants to other organisations/charities for relevant projects.

Any of the following criteria must be met to be eligible:

- Families where children have significant health problems
- Families where the parents have significant health problems
- Families who live in poor housing and/or domestic violence issues are present

- Families where the children have physical, emotional, or social problems

Look at the [Free Hospital Fund for Children](#) page for more details about what funding is available and who is able to access the fund. (Any Practitioner engaged in Social & Health and Education services working with children and young people can submit a claim form direct to the Gloucester Early Help and Targeted Support Team on behalf of a child, young person or their siblings.)

Ofsted poster for parents

Ofsted have updated their poster for parents with a new telephone number. The poster contains information about how Ofsted regulate childcare, their responsibilities, and how parents can get in touch with them.

You can download the updated poster [here](#).

Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP)

We are delighted to share our new Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) with you, and hope that you will find it an excellent tool [Gloucestershire's OAP](#).

Please look out for the one-page resources that will provide you with a range of hints and tips!

Also, a big thank you to all the EY providers who gave us such positive feedback before its launch.

Educational Psychology service

The Educational Psychology service have launched the following [training for early years practitioners](#).

DSL support hub

The Safeguarding in Education team will be delivering the next DSL Support Hub meeting at 8.30am on Wednesday 20th November 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.

Log in details below:

Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 370 572 300 844

Passcode: BLozNB

5 Reasons why reading books should be part of your team's CPD

Lifelong learning: There's always something new to learn, regardless of your age, experience, or interests. Books offer a vast reservoir of knowledge on virtually any topic imaginable!

Memory boost: Studies suggest that reading can help sharpen your memory and cognitive function, keeping your mind active and engaged!

Enhanced creativity: Reading exposes you to lots of new ideas and thought processes. Spark the team's creativity and problem-solving skills by providing opportunities to explore a range of topics!

Conversation starters: Books provide a treasure trove of topics for conversation. Sharing books with each other can help foster team connections and enrich your team discussions!

Stress reduction: Curling up with a good book can be a form of mental escape, offering a temporary reprieve from daily anxieties and a chance to unwind. Swapping screen time for a book before bed can also help improve your sleep!

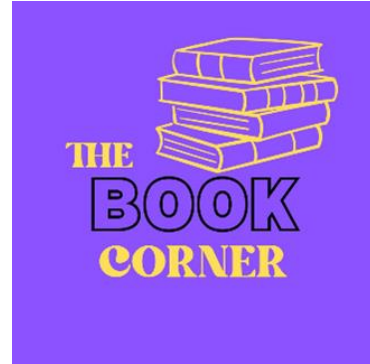
[Find your local library here.](#)

The Book Corner

This week we're introducing our new 'Book corner' to share with you some of our team's favourite Early Years books for CPD.

This week's pick is in celebration that the author, Ben Kingston-Hughes, is joining us as a speaker at our Early Years conference today.

Why Children Need Joy: The fundamental truth about childhood is a book exploring the fascinating science behind why children fundamentally need joy in their lives. This book comes highly recommended for anyone seeking to improve outcomes for children



CPD Spotlight

This week our spotlight is on **Noodle now!** "use your noodle, train your mind". Lots of early years educators tell us they often use the [noodle now online training platform](#) to access regular CPD for themselves and their team.

The platform offers a large range of short courses covering early childhood, safeguarding and health and safety. Courses are certified by the CPD Certification Service as conforming to the universally accepted Continuous Professional Development Guidelines. On successful completion, you are able to download and print your certificate, we all know how much everyone loves a certificate!



Training and other opportunities!

Welcome to the Early Years - 18 November 2024 - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Gloucester Farmers club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 21 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here](#).

Leaders and Managers Meeting - 27 November 2024 - 13.00pm to 15.30pm - Gloucester Farmers Club, Agricultural House, Greville Close, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9RG - [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy Training (Level 2) - 28 November 2024 - 16.00pm to 18.00pm -Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [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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