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Early Years Newsletter

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Welcome to the Provider Update 46 (2024/25)

Dear Provider

It was lovely to welcome Neil Farmer back to Gloucestershire this week, his session 'Getting it right for boys' is both thought provoking and hilarious. Neil will return in the new year to attend our next childminding conference.

This week we have lots to share including a guide to good transitions, total communication training and info regarding rural domestic abuse.

Early Education and Child Development Team

DSL Support Hub and Rural Domestic Abuse

Please find the [minutes](#) and [recording](#) of this weeks DSL support hub.

Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS) provided pertinent information on Rural Domestic Abuse . [Rural Domestic Abuse](#)

Gloucestershire's Guide to Good Transitions

We are pleased to share [Gloucestershire's Guide to Good Transitions](#). This document gives simple advice and guidance for providers, schools and parents of children through their pre-school year and into the first term of reception.

For children with an EHCP, please signpost parents to the child's EHCP case co-ordinator for information about transitions.

Thank you to all that have supported in developing this document. If you have further questions please contact our Early Years Advice Line on 01452 425959 (Monday and Wednesday 12pm-5pm) or email us on eyesadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

Exciting news to all providers! You can now 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.

The training will help your staff to develop their 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.

Once you have booked and checked out, please contact the [Advice Line](#) to arrange a date and time for delivery of the course.

Ofsted – Best Start in Life

Ofsted published the final part in its series of Best start in life research reviews relating to early years education this week: [Early years education too important to be left to chance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

This new section focuses on what progress looks like for Pre-School aged children in the 4 specific areas of learning – literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, and expressive arts and design.

CPD Spotlight

Our spotlight this week is from [Education TeamWork's](#) course, '[Parental Engagement](#)'. This course focuses what parental engagement really is, why this is so important in early years and how to develop these further. Kate and Rebecca can support you to unpick some knotty problems and understand the common barriers to parental engagement

Have you recently attended some inspiring CPD, let us know and we can feature this in our CPD spotlight



Training and other opportunities!

NEW!! Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 2) - 17 October 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Oakwood Primary School, Cotswold Road, Cheltenham, GL52 5HD - [Book here](#).

Childminder Network Teams Meeting - 22 October 2024 - 7pm to 8pm - Online via Teams - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 7 November 2024 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 11 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 12 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Steam Mills Primary School (Steam Mills, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 3JD) - [Book here](#).

SENCo Cluster Meeting - 13 November 2024 - 4pm to 5.30pm - Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) - [Book here](#).

Sensory Integration Occupational Therapy training (Level 1) - 14 November 2024 - 4pm to 6pm - Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) - [Book here](#).

Early Years Conference - 15 November 2024 - 9.00am to 4.00pm - The Cheltenham Chase Hotel Shurdington Road Brockworth Gloucester GL3 4PB - **Now full!**

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](#).

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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