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Early Years Newsletter

22 September 2023



Welcome to Provider Update 3 (2023/24)

We hope everyone is well.

This week we have lots of updates for you.

Have a great weekend!

The Early Years Team

Have your say event for CHILDMINDERS

Thank you to those of you who have booked onto the 'Have Your say' event!

We are really looking forward to seeing you all. There are just a handful of places left for this event so please book on to network with other childminders, meet the Early Years Forum Childminder reps and share your ideas about support and training for your sector. We will also be discussing workshops for the Childminders conference next May.

🔍 'Have Your Say' event

📅 Saturday 7 October 2023

🕒 10.00am-12.00 noon – coffee from 9.30am

📍 The Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Shurdington Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4PB

Please book using the hyperlink below or, if you need help, please contact Bernie Fishpool.

- [Have Your Say Event Booking link](#)

Gloucestershire Early Years Conference

Thank you to everyone who has booked a place to attend this year's Early Years conference in November. We have been overwhelmed at the response since the booking opened less than 3 weeks ago and workshops are filling fast. If you are a practitioner working with babies, do consider attending the workshop by Bristol Stronger Practice Hub 'talking with babies'.



Early Years Conference



Friday 17 November 2023



9.00am-4.00pm – coffee from 8.30am



The Cheltenham Chase Hotel, Shurdington Road, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4PB

An updated agenda is attached for information and please book your place through GCC+ using the hyperlink below.

- [Conference Agenda Nov 23](#)
- [Early Years Conference November 2023 Booking link](#)

Ofsted Webinars

Ofsted have released a series of short webinars on the early years curriculum, with a focus on communication and language. The series explores why communication and language is so important, what a good curriculum should look like to support development of communication and language, and the ways that children make progress through knowing and remembering more.

- [Early Years Curriculum - a focus on communication and language - YouTube](#)

Early Years Provider Forum

The Early Years Provider Forum met recently and brief notes of the meeting are attached.

- [Early Years Provider Forum September 2023](#)

Is your child too poorly to attend their setting?

The Public Health Team has forwarded this information for you to share with parents please. Please see the hyperlink below which gives helpful advice on various childhood illnesses and actions parents should take if their child is unwell.

- [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Early Years Experts and Mentors Programme

We regularly remind you all about the DfE Experts & Mentors Programme which is focused on supporting EY practitioners and leaders to address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on our youngest children. A number of EY providers in Gloucestershire have accessed this support and found it to be very useful.

If you are interested in joining this programme, please see the hyperlink below which gives all the information you may need.

- [Early years experts and mentors programme - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

If you would like to access support for the next cohort, which is Spring Term 2024, please use the hyperlink below:

- [Early Years Experts and Mentors programme - Request for support Spring 2024 \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

New to Provider Updates? Early Years Training Directory

Please find below the new training directory for Autumn 2023 and Spring 2024 which has been published. It contains information about a wide range of courses and events.

- [Early Years Training Directory \(2023/24\)](#)

Please check the booking instructions for the sessions as some can not be booked through GCC+.



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