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Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

Early Years Provider update

Provider Update 65 - 28 February 2025



Dear provider,

‘Creative people are curious, flexible, persistent, and independent with a tremendous spirit of adventure and a love of play’. (Henri Matisse)

This quote resonates with me on a number of levels, not only does it describe many of you who work in the early years sector, but what a fab aspiration to have for all our children (and a great starting point for a curriculum!). Thank you as always and have lovely a weekend.

Early Education and Child Development team

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Please find the recording to the Designated Safeguarding Hub Meeting

which was held on Wednesday <https://youtu.be/fS7OmFzQXKc>
Minutes to this meeting can also be found [here](#)

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Visits

Halal and her team really encourage early years providers (including childminders) to visit Gloucestershire MASH, visits provide a valuable opportunity to not only to see what goes on behind the scenes but to ask questions and meet the team. Visits happen on a Thursday each month between 14.00-15.00, dates for this term are as follows:

- 20th March 2025
- 10th April 2025
- 22nd May 2025
- 19th June 2025
- 10th July 2025

To book your place email halah.shamsel-din@gloucestershire.gov.uk /
call on 01452 328953/ complete this form
<https://forms.office.com/e/NwxRfERKpT>

Places are limited to 8 spaces per date and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Due to the limited spaces, booking is for a maximum of 2 people per setting per visit. If more than two people from your setting would like to visit, then you are welcome to book spaces on more than one date/time.

EYFS Safeguarding Reforms

The DfE and Ofsted want to hear your questions regarding the EYFS Safeguarding reforms due to be implemented from September.

To remind yourself about the reforms do follow this link [Early Years Foundation Stage safeguarding reforms - consultation response](#)

Foundation Years also provides a summary of the proposed reforms.
[Changes to Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding](#)

[requirements: September 2025 - Foundation Years](#)

If you have specific questions regarding the changes please do email them to safeguarding.consultation@education.gov.uk (by 12th March)

Toilet Training

The DfE have updated their 'Help for Early Years Providers' website with a useful section on 'Toilet Training' which provides information about when to start right through to challenges and working in partnership.

[Help for early_years_providers : Toilet training](#)

Training and other opportunities!

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 4 March 4.00 - 5.30pm - Mary P's Day Nursery (Ashchurch Parkway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8TU) [Book here](#)

Leaders and Managers Network Meeting - 5 March 1.00pm - 3.30pm - University of Gloucestershire Oxstalls Campus, Oxstalls Lane, Longlevens GL2 9HW [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 6 March 6.30pm - 8.00pm - Chesterton Primary School, (Aspley Road, Cirencester, GL7 1SS) [Book here.](#)

SIOT Level 2 - 6 March 4.00pm - 6.00pm - Alderman Knight School (46 Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury, England, GL20 8JJ) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 10 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Hesters Way Children Centre (Dill Avenue, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL51 0ES) (Elliott Building) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 11 March 6.00pm - 8.00pm Slimbridge Primary School, St John's Road, Slimbridge, GL2 7DD [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 12 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Stow Nursery, Stow on The Wold Primary School (St Edwards Drive, Stow-On-The-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL54 1AW) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 13 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Great Oldbury Primary Academy (Great Oldbury Primary Academy Veterans Way, Stonehouse, England, GL10 3WH) [Book here](#)

Early Years SENCO Cluster Meeting - 18 March 4.00 - 5.30pm Longford Park Primary Academy (Clock Tower Road, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL2 9FP) [Book here](#)

Mathtastics in Early Years - Wednesday 14th May - Gloucester Farmers Club. 10am - 12noon - [Book here](#) or 1pm - 3pm - [Book here](#)

Total Communication Training in the Early Years

Exciting news to all providers! 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.***

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 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@gloucestershire.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@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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