

## Early Years & Childcare Update

19 September 2024

Dear Provider,

Welcome to the Early Years update that is delivered on a fortnightly basis so that news is timely and informative. Please share this email with staff in your settings and, as always, contact us if you have any questions.

### Essential Information

#### Ofsted Early Years Inspection Framework

The Ofsted guidance in inspecting registered early years and childcare providers has been updated. Please see the latest version [here](#), and a summary of the changes [here](#).

#### Ofsted FAQs

Ofsted has added four new videos to its [Early years FAQs for providers and practitioners playlist](#) on YouTube covering ratios, how inspectors get the views of parents and how Ofsted gives feedback on inspection

#### Cycle to School Week 23-27 September 2024

[Cycle to School Week - Bikeability](#)



#### Early Years Conference 2024

Join us at our Early Years Conference 'Understanding the Unique Child' on Saturday 12 October 2024, featuring leading experts and keynote speakers Kerry Murphy and Dr Alec de Sausmarez. The conference will provide a valuable opportunity to network, participate in interactive workshops and connect with leading experts.

You can choose to attend **three** of five workshops:

1. Setting neurodiversity informed goals and targets - **Kerry Murphy**
2. Ordinarily available provision and the graduated response for early years - **Dr Alec de Sausmarez**
3. Why anti-racist practice is important in the early years' setting - **Liz Pemberton**
4. Understanding the sensory challenges around food - **Jenna Redmond**
5. The Ingredients of a Super Sensory Story - **Joanna Grace**

Book your place by emailing [early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org](mailto:early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org)

**Reading delegate rate:** £80

**Existing Reading childminder partnership member:** £60

#### Supporting individual differences and needs

The [Early Years child development training](#) from the Department of Education has been updated with a new module on [Supporting individual differences and needs](#).

#### SEND assessment guidance and resources

Dingley's Promise, in collaboration with the Department for Education, has developed practical, early years SEND assessment resources that you can use to help children with SEND

[Help for early years providers : SEND assessment guidance and resources \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.education.gov.uk)

### Early Years Speech & Language Therapy Surgery

Early Years professionals can book a TEAMS slot with the Early Years team & a speech & language therapist to discuss how children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) can be best supported within the Early Years setting.

**When:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month between 1pm and 3pm.

**How:** Book a 15 minutes slot online for the 3rd Thursday of the month ONLY at:

[EYSALTSurgery \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com)

### Froebel Trust

A new [pamphlet](#) on **supporting children with additional needs**, with an accompanying [podcast](#) due out later this month

Playing with power: [Froebel-Trust-Playing-With-Power-September-2024-WEB.pdf](#) by Simon Bateson and Dr Shaddai Tembo

## Safeguarding

### BWSCP

Attached is the September newsletter from BWSCP.

### Health & Safety

Please see the latest advice from the Food Standards Agency on the use of raw flour in sensory activities

[Handling flour and flour products safely | Food Standards Agency](#)

## Training

### Early Years team training

#### September sessions:

Title/Description	Dates	Delivery/Venue	Cost
<p><u>Children Looked After</u> <b>Designated Teacher and ePEP Training: EYFS – Virtual Schools</b> Training for Reading designated teachers covering the role of the designated teacher for Children Looked After, using ePEP, Pupil Premium Plus funding, attendance, raising attainment and aspiration. Please read the DfE Statutory Guidance prior to joining this training: <a href="#">The designated teacher for looked-after and previously looked-after children (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a></p> <p>Email Matt Bevan <a href="mailto:matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org">matt.bevan@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</a> to book</p>	<b>20 September</b> 10-11.30am	Teams	<b>FREE</b>
<b>SEND Contact Day</b>	Phone during the day to speak with the SEND advisors for advice and guidance about a child or SEND provision: <b>24 September</b> - Angela: 0118 937 6726 or 07973 689426 <b>1 October</b> - Samantha: 07970725152		<b>FREE</b>

<p><b>Training for Designated Teachers and SENCOs Supporting Children Previously Looked After in collaboration with The Anchor Team.</b></p> <p>Online Sensory Integration and Trauma – practical tips for the classroom with Anna Mitchell specialist OT. Email Cathy McCarthy <a href="mailto:cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org">cathy.mccarthy@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</a> to book on to these sessions.</p>	<p><b>24 September</b> 1-2.30pm</p>	<p>Online</p>	<p>FREE</p>
<p><b>Holiday and Wraparound Childcare Providers Network</b> Lead practitioners of out of school and holiday provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep up to date with local information</li> <li>• Focus on best practice</li> <li>• Network with others</li> </ul>	<p><b>24 September</b> 12.30-2.30pm  6.30-8.30pm</p>	<p>Teams  Council Chamber, Civic Offices</p>	<p>FREE</p>
<p><b>Designated Safeguarding Lead – BFFC Workforce Development Team</b> The lead practitioner must attend a child protection training course that enables them to identify, understand and respond appropriately to signs of possible abuse and neglect. Email <a href="mailto:Learning@brighterfuturesforchildren.org">Learning@brighterfuturesforchildren.org</a> to book.</p>	<p><u>Refresher</u> <b>25 September</b> 1-4pm</p>	<p>Council Chamber, Civic Offices</p>	<p>£33pp</p>
<p><b>Childcare Expansion Advisory Support</b> Significant changes to childcare were announced by the government last year in a bid to increase the quantity and affordability of childcare to help working parents and increase employment. Childminders, providers and teachers are invited to book a slot to meet virtually with the EY &amp; Childcare team to discuss. Please complete the <a href="#">booking form</a></p>	<p><b>26 September</b> 4-7pm</p>	<p>Teams</p>	<p>FREE</p>

Please book via the [SLA](#) or by emailing [early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org](mailto:early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org).  
To view our full training programme please [click here](#)

Kind regards

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