

Early Years Update

9 July 2024

Essential Information

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 Saumarez. 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 Saumarez**
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

Places are limited to three delegates per setting. There will be a waiting list for additional bookings.

Reading delegate rate: £80

Existing Reading childminder partnership member: £60

Safeguarding

NSPCC Learning has published a new page bringing together safeguarding information for people working or volunteering with babies, young children and their families. New and updated content includes: an introduction to safeguarding in the early years; recognising and responding to abuse in the early years; and safeguarding considerations when providing intimate care.

Visit the page: [Safeguarding and child protection in the early years](#)

SEND

EY SEND advisory sessions

There will be one advisory session over the summer break on 13 August. You can call any time during the day to speak to Angela about a child or SEND provision. You can contact her on: **0118 937 6726** or **07973 689 426**.

If you need any SEND guidance or support over the summer outside of the advisory session please email early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org.

Wraparound Childcare

Wraparound Expansion

We know that you have been waiting for confirmation about the wraparound expansion plans and funding. We are sorry that we have not been able to confirm this position sooner, and we are grateful for your patience.

The Department of Education are in the final stages of funding approval, once approved the grants are to be paid directly to local authorities for us to roll out the wraparound expansion across Reading. As soon as we receive funding clarification, we will share the details with you.

Before-school, After-school and Holiday Club Network Meeting

Date for your diaries, our first network meeting for Wraparound and Holiday Club provisions is confirmed to be held on Tuesday 24 September. We will be hosting two sessions throughout the day, a virtual meeting between 1-2pm, along with an in-person session in the evening between 6.30-7.30pm. Full details, meeting agendas and invitations will be sent out shortly.

Training

Early years team training

Please book via the [SLA](#) or by emailing early.years@brighterfuturesforchildren.org.

To view our full training programme please [click here](#)

Title	Details	Dates	Delivery/Venue	Cost
SEND Advisory Session	Phone any time during the day to speak with Angela on: 0118 937 6726 or 07973 689426 for advice and guidance about a child or SEND provision	13 August	Telephone	FREE
SALT Surgery	Book a slot with the Early Years team and a Speech & Language Therapist to discuss how children with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN) can be best supported within the Early Years setting. EYSALTSurgery (office365.com)	15 August 1-3pm	Teams	FREE
Early Years & Childcare Advisory Virtual Support Session	An opportunity to book a session with the EY & Childcare team to discuss any general questions. Please detail within the booking form by 12pm Monday 19 August	28 August 10am-2pm	Teams	FREE

Kind regards

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