

**Early Years Team**

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## Early Years Bulletin: DfE Updates

### Support for Early Years settings from the DfE Experts and Mentors programme

The [Experts and Mentors Early Years Covid-19 Recovery Programme](#) from DfE is focused on supporting Early Years practitioners and leaders, to address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest children. The programme will provide a mixture of face-

## Early Years Bulletin: Safeguarding Update

### Early Help Family Support

[Early Help Family Support | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Early Help means providing help and support to a child, young person, or their family as soon as it is identified they need additional help and support. This could be at any point in a child or young person's life, for example in pregnancy right the way through to their eighteenth birthday. This can be help and support on more than one occasion as we know children's needs change as they grow

## Early Years DSL Forums

The Early Years Safeguarding DSL forums are suitable for all DSL's and Deputy DSLs, and they will cover the latest updates / information / process and developments regarding Safeguarding in Worcestershire.

In particular the forthcoming, November 2022 dates, will be focusing on the WCF Levels of Needs and provide relevant support / guidance and training on the process.

**Audience:** DSL and Deputy DSL's working in Nurseries, Pre-schools, Out of schools / Holiday Clubs and Childminders.

- 1 November 2022, 6.15pm to 7.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10269 / 81287
- 3 November 2022, 6.15pm to 7.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10269 / 81288
- 7 March 2023, 6.15pm to 7.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 12023,rrt C: E a0164lvlit2Tdġ BMC a

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The most vulnerable UK households will also continue to receive £1,200 of support provided in instalments over the year, through discounts to Council Tax and Cost of Living payments for those in

## Support for Ukrainian Families

Families entering the UK through the Ukraine Family Scheme, or the Homes for Ukraine (sponsorship) Scheme have recourse to public funds. This means that families arriving in England will be able to access the government's existing entitlements and support, if they meet the existing eligibility criteria. Please follow the link for further information.

[Support available for Ukrainian Guests and their Hosts | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Early Years Bulletin: OFSTED

### Ofsted Update: sharing some inspection trends

As an early years team, we collect and analyse local inspection data to help us identify trends, which we share with you in update meetings and through bulletin articles like this one. By sharing these trends, we hope that it gives you an opportunity to reflect on your own practice in these areas and consider the robustness of your provision.

The two top trends that we are noticing as improvement priorities in inspection are:

#### **Supervision and Continual Professional Development (CPD).**

Ofsted were asking settings to **strengthen their supervision** arrangements for staff to focus more on:

- Improving monitoring of staff to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to support all children's learning and development
- Strengthening the supervision, to include coaching and mentoring of staff to enhance the quality of teaching
- Embedding supervision, training and support for new staff to help raise the quality of teaching
- Implementing effective supervision which recognise staff profes1.32 -1.36 (e)3(g)6 nTf0 (o)12.1 (8 ( )J



**If you are due inspection**, you may be interested to find out more about our excellent training course specifically designed for settings and Childminders **Preparing for Inspection (is this the correct title)**, it is delivered by Gill Owen who **previously trained as an Early Years Regulatory Inspector**.

There is high demand for this course, therefore if you would like to find out more regarding dates / times and locations and book then please visit [WCF:CPD](http://WCF:CPD) and search "preparing" in the keyword search. If you encounter issues when booking, please contact the training team by emailing [workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk).

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Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion team

Early Years Inclusion Webinars

Settings DO NOT need to apply; however, Settings DO NEED TO COMPLETE A TERMLY MONITORING FORM OR FUNDING WILL BE WITHHELD.

Monitoring forms are available online ([Online inclusion funding application process - Worcestershire Children First Education Services](#)).

The deadline date will be sent to the setting via the Chs Secure Portal (CSP). It is therefore important that settings have access to the Chs Secure Portal (CSP) and regularly check.

If you are unable to access the Chs Secure Portal (CSP) then please contact [eycsystems@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:eycsystems@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk).

## Early Years Bulletin: Training news

### New Training System

The new [WCF:CPD](#) booking system for training and conferences launched on 16 September. If you have not received the invite to be able to log into the site, then please contact the training team by emailing [workforcesupport@Worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:workforcesupport@Worcschildrenfirst.org.uk).

Just to remind settings that individual members of staff will not have access to the site, same as it was before, the access will be granted to whoever the CPD leader has been determined to be within your staff team. Childminders this will automatically be yourself.

There is also an [FAQ page](#) on our main WCF website which will answer the main questions the training team get asked to help support everyone.

### Early Years Update Meetings - Save the date

You will shortly receive an invite to attend the Autumn Term Early Years Update meetings; please look out for an email with booking details.

The Update Meetings will be held virtually and are **free** to attend.

Dates:

- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**, 10am: Early Years Update Meeting – Group Settings
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, 6:30pm: Early Years Update Meeting – Group Settings
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**, 7pm: Early Years Update Meeting – Childminders
- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, 10am: Early Years Update Meeting – Out of School Settings

## Safeguarding Training

### **New Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Introduction to the role**

The Introduction to the role of the Early Years & Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead is a NEW course specifically for DSL and Deputy DSL's who are new to the role or have taken on this responsibility within the last 12 months and may / may not have completed the six-hour DSL course.

### **This is a FREE course to support new DSL and Deputy DSLs**

During the three-hour session delegates will gain:

- An overview of the legislation and statutory guidance relating specifically to the role of the DSL, and to safeguarding and child protection more broadly.
- Information on different forms of abuse that may be encountered, and their possible signs and causes.
- An understanding of information sharing, consent and record keeping.
- An introduction to the processes and procedures used within safeguarding and child protection, including the Worcestershire Levels of Need document.

Cost: **FREE**

- 15 December

