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Early Years Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

It was wonderful to see so many people at the recent NEF Briefing regarding the Childcare Expansion, we're hoping to see similar numbers at the Early Years Update Meetings next week.

If you haven't yet booked your place on one of the Update Meetings, please visit [CPD](#) to do so. Along with some general updates, we'll be talking about behaviour, the new Early Years Inclusion Process with childminders and Sustainability with group settings. If you have any specific topics you would like to discuss, please email EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk. As always, if you need any advice

Best regards,

The Early Years Team.

Early Years Bulletin Worcestershire News and Reminders

Website Updates

Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub

Would you benefit from a space to come together (face to face) with other leaders, managers of settings and Childminders? Would you benefit from developing supportive relationships with other providers, being part of a community to share good practice, network and talk about things that really matter to you? If so, then Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub is the perfect match for you!

Come along to our next meeting taking place on Thursday 30th November 18:30-20:00pm at University Worcester, St Johns Campus. Please note this session is free

We provide an inclusive, welcoming, and friendly space to network, share good practice, learn from each other and create supportive and collaborative relationships. Be ready for lively discussions lots of laughter over a warm cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit!!

On the agenda this session:

- x Feedback from the sector about our previous sessions
- Wellbeing- share your stories, what

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Early Years Bulletin National News and Reminders

After-School Clubs, Community Activities and Tuition: Safeguarding Guidance for Providers

The [Safeguarding Guidance](#) for providers of afterschool clubs, community activities and tuition has been updated. The updates reflect the guidance on Keeping Children Safe in Education and new legislation, such as Positions of Trust, as well as finding from the school settings multi-agency pilot scheme.

Ofsted

Have you seen

Stoptober- Smoke Free Homes

Have you heard about the ~~Hea~~ Start scheme?

Early Years Bulletin Safeguarding Update

Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Training

Training that is specifically designed for the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead needs to be completed at least every two years, WCF recommend continual professional development at least annually to support the role.

When planning to complete training, it is important that the training attended meets the Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Partnership requirements DSL training and offers a good understanding of Worcestershire and their procedures.

Recommended that DSL training includes:

- x Early Help
- x Detailed look at signs and symptoms (including FGM, Get Safe, Witchcraft, County Lines, Prevent etc)
- x Legislation- (EYFS, working together to safeguard children)
- x Guidance- (including Worcestershire Levels of need)
- x Responsibilities
- x Record Keeping (including signs of safety)
- x Multi Agency Working
- x Child protection meeting
- x Serious case reviews
- x Operation Encompass
- x Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
- x Barriers to referrals

If you are interested on accessing training via WCF, we have the following courses available:

[Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead \(DSL\): Introduction to the role](#)
[Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead \(DS](#)

Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion Team

Enhanced Early Years Provision

Emotion Coaching Early Years Interest Group

An opportunity to hear from specialist speakers, receive updates from Emotion Coaching UK and share practice with other professionals. For more information, please download their flyer from [Google Drive](#)

Audience: Early years practitioners

Cost: Free

Dates: Tuesday 24 October 4:00pm - 5:30pm, virtual delivery

To book: [Early Years Interest Group \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Communication Champion Training

Settings in Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wychavon can access free training, delivered by the Worcestershire NHS Speech and Language Therapy Team. The focus for the training this term is 'Supporting Children's Understanding Word Levels. For further information, please download the flyer from [Google Drive](#)

Audience: Early years practitioners working in settings across Bromsgrove, Redditch or Wychavon

Date: Thursday 18 November, 4:00pm to 5:30pm, virtual delivery

To book: Email WHCNHS.SLTBromsgrove@nhs.net

Changes to CPD

During the summer months the training team have been working with WCC developers to enhance the functionality of the CPD system. We are pleased to announce the latest updates will be rolled out during September:

- x Passwords: when a CPD leader enters a password the "eye icon" is now shown which allows passwords to be double checked before pressing submit
- x Confirmations now go to the delegate and the CPD Leader(s) for that school / setting / governing board.
- x Any correspondence sent from CPD cancellation / reminders / materials / evaluations etc will go to both the delegate and CPD Leader(s) as always it is the responsibility of the leader to ensure the delegate is made aware of any changes.
- x CPD site now has a link to our FAQ / Support guide on our website.
- x Course search now can use the course code i.e., 10140 and the price. EY/SCH/GOV
- x Basket function has been removed.

x Multi-booking function now available: CPD leaders can now book multiple places per course, up to the maximum available, at once.

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