



Early Years Team

Email:

Spring and the Summer meetings can be found on the Training of this bulletin and are now available to book via CPD.

As mentioned at the recent Update Meetings, we have been updating our website and have created an [Early Years Toolkit](#) where there are a range of free resources available to support your setting in

delivering the EYFS.

As always, if you need any advice or support, please contact the team at: [EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) or submit a request via the [website](#)

Best regards,  
The Early Years Team.



# Early Years Bulletin Worcestershire News and Reminders

## Nursery Education Funding

### Early Years Funding Formula Consultation

In advance of the Childcare Expansion programme taking place from April 2024, the Local Authority needs to develop a funding model to determine the hourly rates for funded children under the age of three. In an attempt to ensure that the hourly rates can be communicated as early as possible in the Spring Term, we are consulting on the model now. The timeline should be as follows:

- LA Consultation 27<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> December

## Early Year Provider Survey

We are asking all Early Years providers to complete a [short survey](#) regarding the Childcare Expansion, which will feed into Local Authority planning. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete and the results will be published in a Bulletin later this year.

## Sufficiency Data

To enable the Local Authority to accurately assess the sufficiency of Early Years provision across Worcestershire, we are asking all NEF registered settings to complete sufficiency data for the Autumn Term 2023. If you haven't already done so, could you please complete the Sufficiency Table as soon as possible.

To complete the data

- Log onto the [Provider Portal](#)
- Click on Sufficiency (instead of Funding)
- Select the appropriate Year (2023/24) and Term (Autumn)
- Click Edit to fill in the table
- Click Save once you have entered all of the information (the number of places you offer and the number of spaces/vacancies you have available)

## NEF Briefing What do we know so far?

An NEF Briefing has been arranged for January 2024, to highlight any new NEF information. We are hoping that the Statutory Guidance will have been released as scheduled in January and that the Worcestershire funding rates will be ready for publication. Dates and Course Codes can be found in the Training section of this bulletin.

## Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub

The next Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub meeting is Thursday 6:30pm-8pm at Worcestershire University, St John's Campus.

To secure a place, please email [EYCC@worschildrenfirst](mailto:EYCC@worschildrenfirst) (subject: Community Hub).

**Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub** is a collaboration between leaders of early years settings, Universities and Local Authorities. It is a partnership between Worcestershire Children First, Worcestershire University, and Worcestershire Local Authorities.







## Early Years Bulletin Early Help

### Early Help Webcasts

The Early Years Team have launched new webcasts to support you to deliver Early Help within your setting. Available for free, they are accessible via the Early Help section of the [Early Years website](#) and include:

- [Supporting families through Early Help](#)
- [Creating your 'Supporting Families' offer](#)
- Using Early Help Assessment Effectively [Part One](#) and [Part Two](#).

### Parent Courses

Starting Well are offering free courses for parents and carers, both of which are due to start in January 2024:

- [Understanding your baby](#)
- [Understanding your teen](#)

Please click on the links above to access courses which provide more information and details on how to book.

## Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion Team

### Early Years Inclusion Process

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## Early Years Inclusion Team Support Provider Feedback Questionnaire

Please complete the following questionnaire to enable the Early Years Inclusion Team to ensure we can provide you with the most appropriate support and guidance. [Early Years Inclusion Team Questionnaire](#)

## Learning Support Team

The Learning Support Team are available to offer observations and advice for pupils in nurseries attached to academies or maintained schools. As we are regularly in schools, we are aware of the next steps when these children leave the nursery settings and can advise on what can be put in place to better prepare them for those next steps.

If you are interested then please contact the team [LST@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:LST@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) (te)3 (CID -4 (d)6)9 (

## Early Years Child Development Training New Mathematics Module

A new module has been added to the [Early Years Child Development training](#) Module 6: Mathematics is now available and covers:

- Nurturing mathematical development from birth
- Number including verbal counting, object counting and subitising
- Patterns and relationships
- Spatial reasoning, including shape, space and measures

This module is available now along with 5 other modules covering child and brain development, personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development. Further modules which will be added in the coming months.

Users can now access the modules in any order at any time and will find this new module available from their 'My Modules' page. We do still recommend that the modules are completed in consecutive order as the training has been designed to build on previous modules, starting with child and brain development underpinning all the others.

## NDNA Maths Champions Programme





## Autism in the Early Years

An overview of how autism presents in Early Years Settings and a raft of strategies to support young children with a diagnosis.

The session covers:

- What is autism?
- What you might see in Settings.
- Top tips for teaching and supporting autistic pupils.

Cost:Free

Dates:

- 06 December 2023, 3.30pm to 5pm, Virtual Delivery, course code: EY 10003 / 84102
- 08 February 2024, 6.30pm to 8pm, Virtual Delivery, course code: EY 10003 / 84102 (revised time)
- 19 March 2024, 3.30pm to 5pm, Virtual Delivery, course code: EY 10003 / 84102
- 23 May 2024, 7pm to 8.30pm, Virtual Delivery, course code: EY 10003 / ~~84102~~ (revised time)
- 03 July 2024, 3.30pm to 5pm, Virtual Delivery, course code: EY 10003 / 84102

To book:via [CPD](#) using your setting CPD leader login details and course code 10003.

Confirmations will go to the delegate email provided and include the relevant MS teams joining information.

## Transition in the Early Years