



Early Years Team

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## Early Years Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

It was lovely to see so many people at the recent Early Years Update Meetings. As promised, a summary of the slides are available for you to download from [Google Drive](#) for reference. If you have any suggestions for content for the Autumn Term meetings, please contact the Early Years Team to discuss; we would value your input.

A reminder that we have the NEF Briefing taking place next week on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June, where we will be discussing:

- x Changes to the Worcestershire Provider Agreement
- x Lessons from the first phase of the Childcare Expansion in April
- x Phase 2 of the Childcare Expansion from September

If you need any advice or support, please email the team on [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

#### Summer Term Adjustment Claims

The [Online Provider Portal](#) is now open for Summer Term Adjustment Claims. Claims that are received by the end of June will be included on your Actual Payment at the beginning of July. Any claims received after this date will be paid in August.

#### Eligibility Codes for September 2024

Please ensure that as you receive Eligibility Codes for September, you use the Eligibility Checker on the Provider Portal to confirm the Codes are valid and will still be valid in September. If their End Date is on or before 31 August, the Code must be renewed before September.

The DfE will again be monitoring the number of Codes applied for and the number of Codes checked, so please prioritise this process.

### Worcestershire Early Years Community Hub

Come and join our growing network of early years leaders, childminders, and practitioners at our next Early Years Community Hub meeting, taking place on Thursday 20 June 6:30-8:30pm at the University of Worcester, St Johns Campus.

## Consent to Advertise

Did you know that we need your consent to advertise your provision on [Worcestershire Childcare Search](#)? There are currently over 100 NEF providers and over 130 out of school providers who we don't have permission to advertise and are therefore excluded from the Childcare Search.

If you have any vacancies in your settings, we recommend providing consent so that parents and carers can find you when searching for childcare in their local area. To do this, please access the [Online Provider Portal](#), click on Form and complete the 'Consent for advertising' form.

## Recruitment Reminder

Please don't forget that we can include any staff vacancies you are currently advertising via the WCF Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Please email [comms@worcschildrenfirstwith.th](mailto:comms@worcschildrenfirstwith.th) with the following information if you wish to make use of this service:

- x Job title
- x

## Early Years Bulletin National News and Reminders

### Brainbuilding through play: Activities for infants, toddlers and children

The Centre on the Developing Child part of Harvard University have teamed up with the LEGO Foundation to produce a series of handouts providing suggestions for games and play activities based on a child's age.



# Early Years Bulletin: Out of School Provision

## Wraparound Survey

We are asking every registered Early Years setting to complete a survey regarding any wraparound provision you may, or may not, offer. Even if you don't offer anything, we would like you to respond to the survey to ensure that our records are up to date. The survey shouldn't take long to complete, particularly if you don't offer any form of wraparound provision, but the data will support us to plan for the Wraparound Programme as well as to inform parents via the Worcestershire Childcare Search.

[Group Settings Wraparound Survey](#)  
[Childminder Survey](#)

If you are a school with provision for children between Reception and Year 6 and have not yet submitted a response to the Wraparound Survey for schools, please complete the survey using the following link.

[School Wraparound Survey](#)

## Wraparound Childcare new IT solution for accessing Tax Free Childcare

HMRC is developing a new IT solution to help parents with primary school children access [Tax Free Childcare \(TFC\)](#). This solution will facilitate a smoother customer journey for parents to pay for [wraparound care](#).

Further information about the IT solution will follow shortly, but in the interim, please make sure that you are:

- x [Register to offer Tax Free Childcare](#)
- x Informing [eligible parents](#) that they can use Tax Free Childcare to pay for wraparound childcare

## Early Years Bulletin: Safeguarding

### Sun safety for children

Early years practitioners have a duty of care to keep children safe and healthy. Children are cared for throughout the year and every season presents its own challenges: during the summer practitioners must consider sun safety.

The Government recently updated the guidance for schools/early years settings regarding hot weather: [Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals](#)

Good practice is to ask parents for a labelled bottle of sun cream early in the year along with a cap or sunhat which can be stored in the provision ready for the warmer weather. Parents must also sign a permission form to give practitioners permission to apply sun cream through the day this



## Leadership and Management

Much of the leadership and management requirements of the EYFS relate to building a strong

## Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion Team

### WCF Early Years Inclusion Team Provider Website Feedback

We are updating our website and any feedback about the current [Early Years Inclusion website](#) is welcome so that we can use this to help us build our new one.

Have your say at: <https://forms.office.com/e/AqRCrhKnQH>

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### Early Years Educator with SEND Qualification

[BeReady](#) are offering a fully funded Early Years Educator with SEND Level 3 qualification, which provides the tools and knowledge to recognise and support SEND requirements from the outset.

For more information: [Early Years Educator with SEND \(bereadygroup.org\)](#)

### Early Years Inclusion Process Evaluation

We are seeking feedback from providers on the Early Years Inclusion Process. This is anonymous, and the feedback can be provided by the link below.

[Complete EYIP Evaluation Questionnaire](#)

### Inclusion Surgeries with the Area SENCOs

The Area SENCO Team will be offering surgery support sessions every half term. These are dedicated afternoon surgeries for Early Years SENCOs, giving the opportunity for a 30 minute meeting (currently delivered via the telephone).

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# What is the SCERTS Approach?

SCERTS Social Communication Emotional Regulation

