



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 24.2.2025

Upcoming training

Tuesday 25th February 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (session one)

Wednesday 26th February 2025 2pm-3pm Early Years settings Safeguarding Leads network

Monday 3rd March 2025 9.30am-1.00pm Baby quality improvement network (session one)

Tuesday 4th March 2025 3.30pm-5.00pm - Making sense of Autism in Early Years

Tuesday 4th March 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (session two)

Tuesday 11th March 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (session three)

Tuesday 18th March 2025 1.30pm-3.30pm Safeguarding Solutions drop in session

Tuesday 18th March 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (session four)

Monday 24th March 2025 9.30am-12.00pm- Supporting children with emotional well being

Tuesday 25th March 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (session five)

Tuesday 1st April 2025 10.30am-12.00pm St Helens Early Years SENCO training (final session)

Stronger Practice Hub Continual Professional Development Opportunities Learning Walks

Book onto our Learning Walks on offer organised by Liverpool Stronger Practice Hub

Crank Nursery, Crank Nursery Ltd, Crank Hill Crank, St Helens, WA11 7SD

Monday 10th March, 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THIS LEARNING WALK HAS CHANGED

If you wish to offer your setting for a learning walk to share practice especially linked to research in communication or early mathematics, let us know via email on sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk



Ofsted renewed education inspection framework consultation

Ofsted have launched a consultation on the renewed education inspection framework. This is the framework that will be used to inspect Childminders, Nurseries, Schools, and other Education providers.

To have your say please click this link: [Improving the way Ofsted inspects education - GOV.UK](#)



Early Years Case Study

The DFE are looking for nurseries or childcare providers to support their childcare choices website, to be a case study to promote Early years and the funding options available

The campaign aims to ensure all parents visit the **Childcare Choices website** to see what they are eligible for now and in the future. There is a range of government support to help families with childcare costs, including **Funded Childcare**, **Tax-Free Childcare**, and **Universal Credit Childcare**.

We are looking to share the voices of **nursery practitioners** who can discuss the benefits of formal childcare and early years education. If you or your colleagues are willing to share your experiences, please get in touch by emailing eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk if you would be interested in taking part.

Operation Encompass

I have attached for you an up-to-date Operation Encompass log sheet for you to print out and have ready to complete if you are called with a notification.



Operation Encompass

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with Merseyside Police to improve the Operation Encompass process in Merseyside.

The purpose of an Operation Encompass notification is to provide you with an insight into the lived experience of a child, so that you can understand any change in behaviours and support the child or young person when they are in your setting or school.

You should never telephone or approach the victim about the notification as you may place them in a position of additional risk.

Through the promotion of your involvement in Operation Encompass (website, posters, letter to parents), parents will be aware that you receive notifications and approach you to discuss if they feel comfortable and safe to do so.

You will continue to receive notifications throughout the school holidays. You are not expected to contact the child or parent. This is for your knowledge for when the child returns to school.

The Police will make any necessary referrals to partners, separate to the Op Encompass process.

We are continually trying to improve the Operation Encompass process in Merseyside and want to work together to provide a better tomorrow for our children impacted by Domestic Abuse.

Below are some key points that will hopefully assist you.

- If you need to update any contact details or receive a notification in error, please contact us at operation.encompass@merseyside.police.uk.
- If you are having issues accessing an Operation Encompass notification, please make sure you;
 1. Open the notification from an email account the notification was originally sent to.
 2. Use an Egress account matching the email address in point 1.

If you do not carry out the above steps, you will not be able to access the notification.

- All Dedicated Safeguarding Leads and the Safeguarding Governor are expected to complete the online Operation Encompass training which can be found here [Online Key Adult Training : Operation Encompass](#)
- If you require any support/advice regarding an Operation Encompass notification, please contact the **Operation Encompass** Teachers' Helpline. It is available for all education staff to speak in confidence with an educational or clinical psychologist about how best to support children in their setting who may be experiencing domestic abuse.

The Helpline is available on **0204 513 9990** and is open from 8am to 1pm, Monday to Friday, term-time. Please note that calling the helpline should not replace statutory safeguarding processes.

Early years- Using an emotion coaching approach training.

Tuesday 11th March 7pm-8.30pm

Free webinar availability for all early year's practitioners through the Bright Futures NW Stronger practice Hub. Click on the following link.

https://www.training.bright-futures.co.uk/courses/early-years-using-an-emotion-coaching-approach/?fbclid=IwY2xjawlIqzBleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHZlnEkAA2Km9ooFLsgb97a66bCFlijMr-7EldWXgXeIphaFvAeEr4p9TmQ_aem_iFo_oOoRgo7wJtGRe8quw

Hi all,

Please can you highlight and share the SEND Information Hub with our parents & staff (Alternative Provision), and providers (Early Years).

It really is an important and useful directory for parents to access information about the Local Offer and is easy to navigate.

<https://familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk/kb5/sthelens/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

[St Helens Family Information Directory | SEND Information Hub](#)

If you are concerned about a child in St Helens, you can take the following steps: If the child is at immediate risk, call the police on 999. If the child is not in immediate danger but at risk of neglect or abuse, contact St Helens Council on 01744 676767 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).; If the child has a social worker, share your concerns with them.

familyinfodirectory.sthelens.gov.uk

Many thanks,

[Answering your questions on the Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding reforms](#)

From the 1st September 2025, the Department for Education (DfE) will implement EYFS safeguarding reforms.

DfE and Ofsted want to hear your questions and concerns about the upcoming EYFS changes. This will help them to understand what further support would be helpful for implementing the safeguarding reforms.

To remind yourself about the safeguarding changes please visit: [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding - GOV.UK](#). Additionally, this [Foundation Years page](#) provides further information and resources.

Please submit any questions you have about the safeguarding reforms to safeguarding.consultation@education.gov.uk by 12th March.

[Request for apprentices to participate in user research sessions](#)

We are currently working on a project to develop tailored content specifically for early years apprentices. Our aim is to keep apprentices motivated and well-informed throughout their course, building on the success of similar initiatives in other sectors.

To ensure this content is relevant and engaging, we're inviting apprentices to take part in user research sessions. Your help in identifying apprentices from any settings in your area who might be interested in participating would be greatly appreciated. This is also open to those who have recently completed an early years apprenticeship.

Details:

- **Session:** Conducted online.
- **Duration:** Around 45 minutes, scheduled at a time that works for the apprentice.
- **Activities:** We'll ask apprentices to share their thoughts through a few questions and to review the content we've created.

The feedback from these sessions will be used to refine our content to better meet the needs of early years apprentices. If you know of any apprentices in your local settings who would like to participate, please ask them to complete [this form](#) by **Friday 28 February**. If they are selected, we will be in touch to provide more information.

Thank you for your support.

PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a296c4d2f7039446a9e0aa281bd40e55a%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=4f2a06e5-0991-4575-be27-b6cc16d97f34&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

Schools MS Teams Forum

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a2589ee5f1bd043fdbb67bec3cd7d3b1c%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=9e33e316-91dc-4469-94d4-36a4da88746a&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>