



EYQI Updates

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Dear Early Years Colleagues,

As we step into a new chapter for Early Years Education, change is not just on the horizon—it's here. With the updated EYFS Framework, the DFEs Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life document and Ofsted's new inspection model rolling out from November, it's time to prepare, reflect, and adapt. Change can feel daunting, but it also opens the door to growth, clarity, and renewed purpose. Let's navigate it together with collaboration and care.

EYQI training in September 2025


For all training, go to the Try Booking link to book on training sessions:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>

Any problems, please contact us at eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk

Safeguarding awareness for practitioners working in early years setting.


 **Date:** Wednesday 24th September

 **Time:** 6:30pm-8pm

 **Location:** Microsoft teams

New to EYFS- Schools

 **Date:** Friday 24th September

 **Time:** 9:30am – 4pm

 **Location:** Forester House

Early Years SENCO network


 **Date:** Monday 29th September

 **Time:** 9:30am – 12:00pm

 **Location:** The Bridge centre

Keep in Touch

 **Date:** Tuesday 30th September

 **Time:** Book a time slot

 **Location:** Microsoft teams

Wraparound network

 **Date:** Tuesday 30th September

 **Time:** 10am-11:30am

 **Location:** Microsoft teams

EY FORM to update school contacts and information

This will support our communication with you around training, information and future events.

Please can ALL SCHOOLS complete this quick FORM

<https://forms.office.com/e/QjqYkLJQm0>

DEADLINE 1st October 2025. Thank you.

Ofsted confirms changes to education inspection

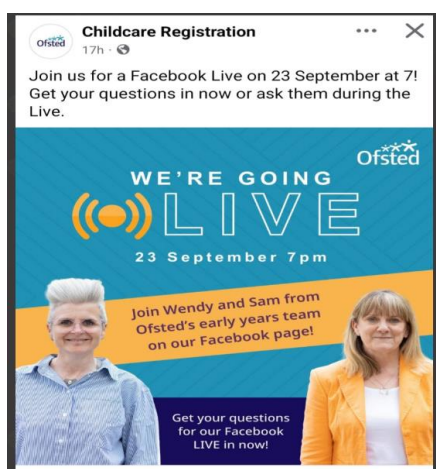
Ofsted has set out a renewed approach to education inspection that will “give parents better and more detailed information, is fairer on professionals, and – crucially – will help raise standards for all children.”

[Ofsted confirms changes to education inspection and unveils new-look report cards - GOV.UK](#)

Inspection toolkits and operating guides

Guidance for inspectors and providers on inspecting registered early years settings in England under the renewed education inspection framework, available for use from 10th November 2025

[Early years inspection: toolkit, operating guide and information - GOV.UK](#)



OFSTED FACEBOOK LIVE

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/14TKwK5Gw7T/>

OFSTED are holding a Facebook Live event on 23rd September at 7pm

You can send your questions in now or ask them during the event. Go to the Facebook page for more information.

FORMS for Talk PANTS

<https://forms.office.com/e/P2EpKEyMR9>

Please can **all settings, schools and childminders** complete this short questionnaire for feedback **on the St Helels NSPCC Talk PANTS campaign**

This will help us to identify engagement and plan areas for future development.

Deadline 1st October 2025

Thank you



Here is the link to our [Education and learning Newsletter](#) with the latest school news from **Jo Davies**. Assistant Director, Education and Learning, St Helens Borough Council

[Education and Learning Weekly Newsletter](#)

The DfE's Big September Switch

This September, we're launching **The Big September Switch**, part of the Do Something Big campaign, to engage career changers – especially parents – to consider rewarding roles in early years.

You can download and share the Early Years Careers Guide from our website, which is full of information to help people understand pathways into the sector.

[The Big September Switch - Early Years Careers](#)

We'd appreciate your support in helping to raise awareness of The Big September Switch by:

- Sharing the guide with your networks.

- Re-sharing DfE social posts and Instagram activity throughout September to amplify campaign messages.

- Promoting the new campaign webpage: <https://earlyyearscareers.campaign.gov.uk/the-big-september-switch>.

- Keeping an eye on our socials – Parent-facing influencers will be sharing their own 'switch' stories and shining a light on the rewards of early years careers.

Thank you for helping us encourage more people to join the early years workforce and give every child the best start in life.

Oral Health

We have a number of requests for further oral health training. To make it as accessible as possible the training will take place on the **17th September 2025 on line**, please see below for further details.

As you will be aware the Wellbeing Service have been commissioned to deliver increased support around oral health in St Helens, this includes:

- a training offer,
- working closely with identified settings in areas of most need
- and also providing oral health resources for St Helens children

Why is better oral health important?

Tooth decay is the most common reason for hospital admission in children aged six to 10, and children living in the most deprived communities are around 3.5 times more likely to have teeth extracted than those in the most affluent areas. On average 3 days of school are missed per year due to dental problems, which also can have significant impact on earning potential. Oral health and healthy teeth influence being able to eat a healthy diet to aid growth, speech development, and is key to social development and learning. Early habits of good oral hygiene need to be established to prevent these problems.

In St Helens, more than a third of our children aged 5 have visual tooth decay. The percentage of 5-year-olds with any experience of tooth decay is worse than the England average. In 2024, 36.2% of 5 year olds in the borough had visual tooth decay compared to 22.4% in England and 28.7% in the North West. St Helens ranks as 4th highest in the North West.

Training Offer

There have been training dates identified for all professionals and volunteers working directly with families. For those attending the training there will oral health packs available for families they are working with. The packs will include an easy read leaflet on caring for your child's teeth, tooth paste and toothbrush. Vicky Velasco Public Health Strategic Lead for Children and Communities Please see below link to book on the training:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1499429667499?aff=oddtcreator>

BFI Infant Feeding

As you are aware the Well Being Service will be delivering BFI infant feeding accredited training for all Family Hub partners, which includes the admin team, practitioners and managers and partner agencies using the centres.

This training will build on learning from the base line training delivered last summer. We will need to be able to demonstrate attendance at the accredited training for all staff and managers who deliver from/or based in the centres.

All of the sessions will be delivered online to support attendance. Please use the link below to book on the sessions identified relevant for your role.

Can **all** staff and partner agencies, who have previously not attended BFI training, please book on the **level 1 training** - this includes the admin team as well as practitioners (Family Hubs partners) working directly with families.

Practitioners working directly with families, will also need to book onto the **level 2 training**, this includes Early Help Workers, Parenting Workers, Family Support Workers, Early Years Practitioners and Family Hub partners.

HV's and midwives do not need to book on this training, as they will be offered BFI accredited training specific to their role.

Leadership training is for all managers and leaders supporting staff who are delivering services out of the Family Hubs.

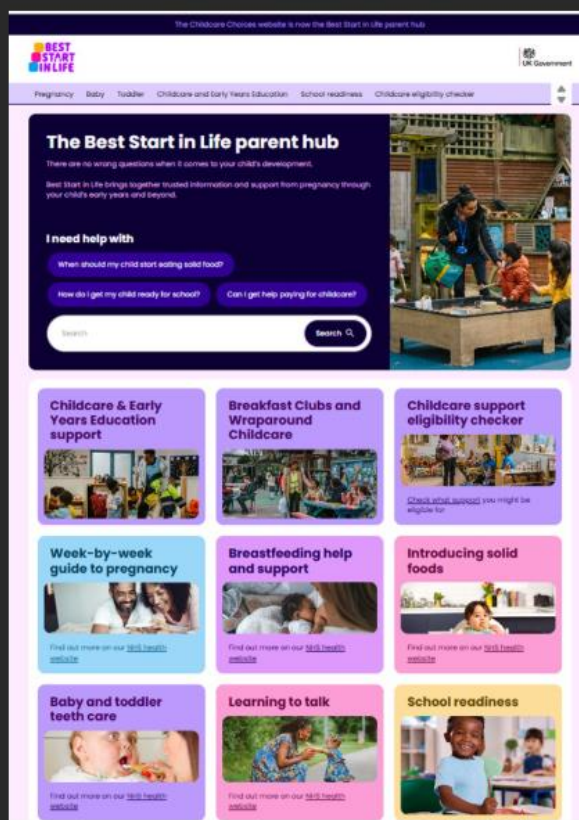
<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/bfi-training-baby-friendly-initiative-4570273>

Best Start in Life website and brand launch

New Best Start in Life website

A new Best Start in Life website (beststartinlife.gov.uk or 'The Best Start in Life parent hub') will replace the existing NHS Start for Life and UK Government Childcare Choices websites. Parents will now be able to access that same information and support in one place with content on topics that will take them from pregnancy, through their child's journey to starting school and beyond. Any visitors to the previous sites will be automatically re-directed to the new hub.

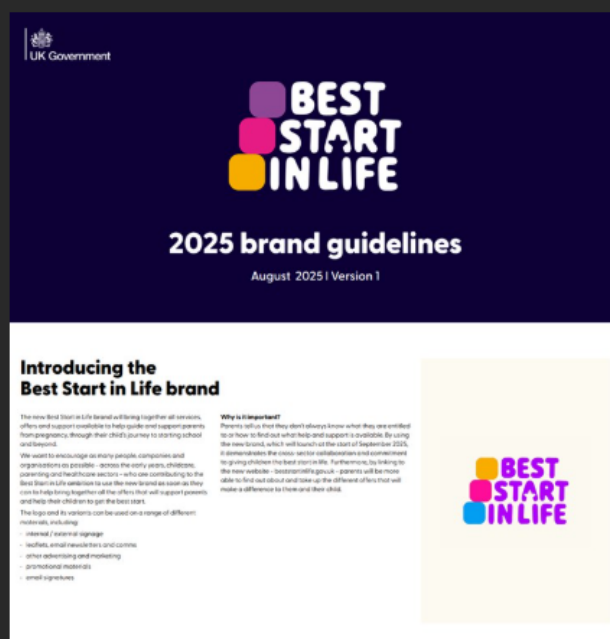
Visit the BSIL Parent Hub



Why is this important?

Parents tell us that they don't always know what they are entitled to or how to find out what is available locally. By using a common language and brand, it demonstrates the cross-sector collaboration and commitment to giving children the best start in life. Most importantly, by linking to beststartinlife.gov.uk, parents will be more able to find out about and take up services that will make a difference to their child and family.

Using the Best Start in Life brand in local comms



We are encouraging all organisations who are contributing to the ambition to increase the number of children reaching a good level of development to use the new brand as soon as possible.

A new brand toolkit is now available on the [Campaign Resource Centre](#) that explains how to do this. We are encouraging partners to signpost parents to beststartinlife.gov.uk for more information about sources of support and advice.

What will happen to national campaigns like Start for Life?

Over the autumn and winter, we will be launching new campaigns to raise awareness among parents of what they can expect from Best Start in Life. We will provide toolkits of useful materials so you can get involved with the campaign and we'll let you know when these are available.

The following logos, campaign language, and creative assets should be phased out as soon as you reasonably can to reflect the new brand and call to action:

- Childcare Choices
- Start for Life and Better Health Start for Life
- Previous breakfast clubs logos
- Little Moments Together and its predecessor, Hungry Little Minds

Should you have any campaigns already planned for the near future, we can fulfil orders for materials with the older branding on a case-by-case basis.

If you have further questions about this please contact us at

Beststart.inlife@education.gov.uk

Prime Minister Letter to Parents

To mark last week's childcare expansion milestone, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has written to parents reaffirming his Plan for Change promise to give children the best possible start with 75% of five-year-olds reaching a good level of development by 2028. We would be grateful for your support in helping this letter reach as many parents as possible by sharing it through your channels.

You can [read the Prime Minister's letter to parents](#) on the DfE's Education Hub.

National Professional Qualification (NPQ) Early Years Leadership Feedback Form

As part of the review of National Professional Qualifications (NPQs), the Department for Education (DfE) is keen to hear from anyone who has been interested in or had experience of the NPQEYL and would be happy to share their honest thoughts and reflections from the programme, what they liked, any barriers faced and any areas for improvement.

This survey should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete, and at the end we will ask you whether you would be happy to have a short discussion with us about your experience. If you are interested, please ensure you provide your name and email address. By agreeing to take part, you are participating in user research with the DfE, specifically regarding the review of the NPQEYL. If you are selected to take part, you will be contacted via email by the DfE with next steps. Please see our Privacy Notice: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/privacy-information-members-of-the-public/privacy-information-members-of-the-public>

Please complete by 26/09/25.

[National Professional Qualification \(NPQ\) Early Years Leadership Feedback Form](#)

CBeebies Parenting



The BBC's complementary campaign

CBeebies Parenting also has new, free content for you to share with families across the UK.

The 'Skills for starting school' and the Starting School collections on the CBeebies Parenting website include free, expert advice, as well as evidence-based activity ideas to help parents and caregivers to support their pre-school children's development.

If you want to contact the team directly for more information about how to use the content in your service, please email CBeebiesparenting@bbc.co.uk. You could also join one of the free monthly Champions Training sessions for even more support.

CBeebies Parenting

CATCH - a free NHS health app for parents and carers of children from pregnancy to age 5



[CATCH - Common Approach To Children's Health](#)

CATCH eases the sense of information overload, particularly regarding pregnancy and children's health. With the number of resources available, it can be difficult to know who to trust. CATCH provides local NHS-approved information with your best interests at heart, so you won't need to look elsewhere.

After downloading the app, a profile can be created for each child, including their name, gender, and date of birth or due date. CATCH then generates a personalised list of health articles tailored to the child's age and developmental stage. Articles can be easily 'favourited' to keep the most helpful information close at hand.

EYFS Stronger Practice Hub

ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS

Wednesday 17th September 3.45-4.45p.m.

Join the Stronger Practice Hub to explore evidence-based auditing tools you can use to develop high quality Early Years provision.



Email the Hub to register sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk

Free Childcare Toolkits for Providers and Schools

The Childcare Works Early Years and Wraparound toolkits have been created to collate useful resources that providers, childminders and schools need to start, grow and sustain a wraparound or early years childcare business. All resources within the toolkits are available free of charge. Providers, childminders and schools can also access the HUB, which connects to a wide range of high-quality knowledge and learning resources that are free of charge.

[HUB Resources - childcareworks.org.uk](http://childcareworks.org.uk).

Fully Funded ELKLAN Online Training

There are only 5 places left for St Helens practitioners to take a place on the ELKLAN training course 'Communication and Language Support' for 0-3 or 3-5 year old children.

This is a practical training course, delivered in 10 one hour sessions for those working with children aged 0-3, or 3-5.

It offers a wealth of information and an opportunity to share experiences with other practitioners working with children of the same age. Practical advice and strategies to support the children, parents and families with whom you work. Language Builders, a practical resource containing an abundance of tips, ideas and strategies

Please contact the EYHUB team for more information and to book one of the final places.

EYHUB@sthelens.gov.uk

St. Helens Speech and Language Therapy Service Training Offer

Date	Training	Description
11 th November 3.30pm- 4.30pm	Developmental Language Disorder Audience-Professionals	This session will enable you to answer the following questions about Developmental Language Disorder- what is it? And How can I help?
26 th November 3.30pm-4.30pm	Blank Levels Audience- Professionals	This session will outline the Blank language Scheme model based on Blank, Rose and Berlin (1978) It helps to support children's verbal reasoning and abstract language understanding and provide ideas in how to best support and develop the child's understanding in their setting.
9 th December 3.30pm- 4.30pm	Stammering (Dysfluency) Audience- Professionals	This training outlines what is stammering/ Dysfluency, raising awareness on the origin of stammering and sharing general advice on how to support children who stammer.
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All training packages are FREE to attend. Twilight training sessions will all be delivered via Microsoft teams. To book training please email
mcn-tr.sthelens-slt@nhs.net
please provide your name and role within the email. You will receive a link for the training the Friday prior to the date of the training and an evaluation form and certificate will be sent out once you have completed the training.

PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders: [Here](#)

Schools MS Teams Forum: [Here](#)

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