



EYQI Updates



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Week beginning

13.10.25

Upcoming training announcements

ITERS The ITERS (Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale) audit is a structured assessment tool used to evaluate the quality of care and learning environments for children from birth to 30 months. It focuses on key areas such as space and furnishings, personal care routines, language and literacy, learning activities, interaction, and program structure.

This training is suitable for settings and schools who work with children under 30 months and who are working to improve their interactions, routines and learning environments.

Wednesday 22nd October and Wednesday 19th November

9:30am – 12:30pm at Forster House

BOTH SESSIONS MUST BE ATTENDED.

ITERS books included once both sessions have been attended.

This training will support in understanding best practices in infant and toddler care and identify strengths with areas for improvement. Follow the link to book: [Training - St Helens Borough Council](#)

Thank you to St Matthews Pre School for this wonderful Talk Pants display created by the children.



Thank you to Portico Lodge for sharing this interesting adult/parent Talk Pants display.



Talk PANTS

Please remember to email the team eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk If you are running a Talk PANTS competition any time between 20th – 31st October 2025. We now have a few prizes available on a first come first served basis. They include match memory games, shopping basket board games, tractor floor puzzles and soft toys.

Also, drop us an email if you would like us to resend you the poster, guidance or the Pants template and NSPCC certificate.

We would love to see your art work!
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EY HUB Network Meeting Highlights

Thank you to everyone who attended the EY Hub Day last week. It was a valuable opportunity to network with each other and explore more about what is happening in St Helens for Early Years, here are some of the topics that were covered:

- The Government's Best Start in Life initiative.
- The National Literacy Trust
- Talk PANTS - 90 Talk PANTS resource bags were given to settings and schools who were there.
- A new profiling tool:

Design checklist:

- Help CYP get the right support sooner.
- Help professionals and families have positive talks to share understanding.
- It looks for what someone is good at, what they may need help with and what kind of help someone might need.
- It sees differences as something to celebrate, not something wrong.
- It focuses on the CYPs real life, captures their ideas and voice and what's important to them.
- Helps people to understand how someone's brain might work differently.
- Its based on research.
- It can show how a young persons experience might change over time.

If you would like to be a pilot school / setting for this new toolkit please email Matt Davies - Matthew.Davies@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk

Please remember the next EY Hub day in the **Spring Term is 11th February 2026!!!**



TWO NEW ST HELENS AUDITS

Audits for the EYFS Statutory Framework for Group and School Based Providers, effective from 1st September 2025

1. Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement Audit
2. Learning and Development Audit

Developed by the St Helens Early Years Quality and Inclusion Team, these audits are practical self-evaluation tools for group and school-based early years providers. They both align with the latest EYFS Framework 2025 and include all the statutory 'musts' to help settings meet Safeguarding & Welfare requirements and the Learning & Development requirements.

Safeguarding and Welfare covers key areas such as:

- Safeguarding policies and safer recruitment
- Health, safety, and hygiene
- SEND provision and behaviour management
- Data protection and emergency planning

Learning and Development includes:

- Learning and development requirements
- Acting on concerns
- Approaches to teaching and learning
- Assessment

There are sections in both audits that include statutory guidance, good practice examples, and space for reflection and action planning—ideal for preparing for Ofsted and maintaining high standards.

Childminders watch out for...

We also have specialist audits for childminders that will be highlighted and shared in next week's updates.

Wraparound Conference

🎉 You're Invited to the Wraparound Conference! 🎉

Celebrating the Magic of Breakfast, Afterschool & Holiday Clubs

Calling all providers who run—or are thinking about starting—breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs, or holiday provision! We're thrilled to invite you to a day dedicated to celebrating *you* and the incredible work you do to support children beyond the school day.

Guest speakers- Rebekah Jackson Reece- covering out of school clubs, strategic/ business models & 2 workshops with Alice Sharp (Adventures with Alice)

Bookings now open..... <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLJH>

📍 Venue: Totally Wicked Stadium

📅 Date: Monday 26th January 2026

🕒 Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm

🍽️ Lunch provided

Free training with Adult Learning

Little Children, Big Feelings!
New Course starting 5th November 2025

Do you want to...

- help your child develop the skills they need to deal with challenges or change?
- learn how to support your young child to deal with big emotions in a calm, constructive ways?

1 session per week for 6 weeks
Reserve your place today!

Contact us to find out more:
Call or Text: Teresa Slee 07749709715 or call 01744 677328
Email: teresaslee@sthelens.gov.uk
OR
Call our Admin team: 07702 959814
Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

QR code and logos: SCAN ME!, matrix, LIVERPOOL CITY REGION, Adult & Community Learning.



Exciting Event Announcement: Join Us this October!

We're thrilled to announce an exciting online event designed for early years educators:

Supporting Children with SEND for Smooth Transitions

This **free** event is your chance to hear from inspiring speakers and discover fresh ideas to enhance **transition practices for children with SEND** in your early years setting.

 **When?** Thursday 23 October

 **Where?** Microsoft Teams

 **Time?** 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

What to expect:

- ✦ Expert speakers, including representatives from the **DfE**, **Ofsted** and **Dingley's Promise**.
- ✦ Gain valuable insights to improve transition practices for children with SEND in the early years sector.

 **Spaces are limited – register now to secure your spot:**
[Supporting Children with SEND for Smooth Transitions](#)



[Important updates regarding the Bridge Centre.](#)

As part of ongoing improvements to local SEND services, the Bridge Centre will soon be relocating to a new site called Chester Lane South Hub (Previously known as Chester Lane Library).

The idea of this move is to be co-located with the Local Authority SEND Team and TESSA Team alongside the newly established SEND provision, The Orchard School, which is part of the Rectory CE Primary School.

The current plan is for us to move the resources during the October half term, which will mean services from the Bridge will be paused, the weeks before and after. We will continue to keep you informed as we approach the move and look forward to welcoming you all when we are settled.

Changes to Butterflies Sessions

As part of reviewing services with the new changes we shared in the EY Hub day, and parent feedback we are also planning to change the way we hold meetings with nursery settings and families as part of the Butterflies sessions. We will be merging our group parent sessions and review meetings with nursery settings into a single, combined session.

These group sessions will cover all the key areas we typically discuss in our current format, including:

Recommendations for next steps for assessments.

- Outreach support
- Applications for additional funding
- Requests for Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments (EHCNAs)
- option to join virtually, we strongly encourage in-person attendance wherever possible to support open discussion and strengthen partnership working. There will also be opportunities for private conversations during the session if needed.

Our aim is to strengthen communication and partnership between families and settings, ensuring everyone involved has a clear understanding of the child's needs and next steps. While there is an option to join virtually, we strongly encourage in-person attendance wherever possible to support open discussion and strengthen partnership working. There will also be opportunities for private conversations during the session if needed.

Following the changes, we will be reviewing our practice based on parental feedback to ensure it continues to meet the needs of all involved. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to working with you in this new way.

[Education and Learning Weekly Newsletter](#)

Please enjoy our schools Education and Learning newsletter from Jo Davies , Assistant Director, Education and Learning, St Helens Borough Council.

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Crank Nursery Early Years Learning Walk

Liverpool City Region and Beyond Early Years Stronger Practice Hub are offering an early years learning walk at Crank Nursery

Crank Hill, St Helens WA11 7SD

20th October 2025

10am – 11.30am

Crank Nursery is a stand-alone nursery with charitable status in a small school building in a rural area with good community relations.

They will focus on high value - quality interactions, interesting resources and learning environments.

The purpose of the learning walk is to:

- Recharge, inspire, energise
- Affirm your own practice
- Reflect on different learning environments
- Have a positive impact on practice
- Share good ideas, strategies and different approaches
- Networking

Audience: Nursery/Early Years Managers, team or room leaders

Please contact sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk to reserve your funded place.

[EHAT Support update](#)

Hi All,

Quick Update from the Partnership Team!

We wanted to let you know about a small change to how we deliver EHAT support.

As you may be aware, we've been offering EHAT support sessions both online via Microsoft Teams (bi-monthly) and in-person (monthly) with Systems Support. However, after reviewing attendance at the in-person sessions, we've noticed they've been a little quiet.

To make sure we're providing support in the most accessible and effective way, we've decided to move **all EHAT support sessions to Microsoft Teams — effective immediately.**

If you'd like to book a session, just email the Partnership Coordinator inbox with a brief description of the support you need, and we'll arrange a time that works for you. **Please see the 'dates for your diary' section below.**

To help you stay informed, we'll keep our email signature updated with upcoming EHAT support dates so you can easily see what's coming up.

We hope this change makes it easier for you to access the support you need, wherever you are.
Thanks so much for your continued engagement!

Many Thanks

Partnership Team

Dates for your Diary - Upcoming Training

Early Help Assessment and Support (EHAT) Training. DAY 2 with System Support	DAY 1 - 15/9/25	9:30– 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
	DAY 2 – 24/9/25	9:30 – 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
Early Help Assessment and Support (EHAT) Training. DAY 2 with System Support.	DAY 1 - 15/10/25	9.30 – 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
	DAY 2 – 22/10/25	9:30 – 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
Early Help Assessment and Support (EHAT) Training. DAY 2 with System Support.	DAY 1 - 19/11/25	9:30 – 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
	DAY2 - 24/11/25	9:30 - 3:30pm	Sutton Family Hub
Whole Family Approach Training	13/11/25	9:30 - 4pm	Town Hall Room 8

To book on a training session please visit [Events \(sthelenssafeguarding.org.uk\)](https://sthelenssafeguarding.org.uk)

Dates for your Diary - EHAT/Case Discussion Support Sessions

Wed 17th Sept - joint with Systems Support	1pm – 4pm	St Bartholomew (Rainhill)
Tues 30th Sept	1pm - 5pm	TEAMs
Mon 13th Oct - joint with Systems Support	1pm - 4pm	St Bartholomew (Rainhill)
Wed 29th Oct	1pm – 5pm	TEAMs
Tues 11th Nov	1pm - 5pm	TEAMs
Tues 25th Nov	1pm - 5pm	TEAMs

Tues 9 th Dec – joint with Systems Support	1pm – 5pm	TEAMs
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To book on an EHAT/Case Discussion support session via TEAMs please email partnershipcoordinator@sthelens.gov.uk

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

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