



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 19.2.2024

EYHUB Training

- 20th & 27th Feb, 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March St Helens EY SENCO Training
- Thursday 22nd February - Early Maths
- Thursday 22nd February Safeguarding Awareness
- Wednesday 28th February Schools Network Meeting
- Thursday 29th February, 13th March – Ofsted Preparation for Childminders
- Wednesday 6th March – Tales Toolkit Network Meeting
- Tuesday 19th March - Reception Class Moderation
- Monday 25th March Supporting Children with Emotional Wellbeing

Training Changes

1. The Portage Workshops have been rearranged for Tuesday 23rd April, Tuesday 30th April and Tuesday 7th May 2024. **Please contact EYHUB if you would like to book a place.**
2. **Before the inspector calls. Ofsted preparation for childminders**

These three sessions will enable childminders to review key elements of their provision and quality assure their practice.

Session 2. Teaching, Learning and Assessment – This session was previously advertised for 21.2.24. Due to a clash with the information session being held by Alison Naylor, the Ofsted preparation session will now be held on **Thursday 29th February** online at 6:30 pm

Please see the training schedule for further details [Training - St Helens Borough Council](#)
If you have any questions, please email the EYHUB eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk

Reception Class Moderation

Moderation will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 1pm at the The Living Well, Willowbrook.

This session will focus on literacy, particularly writing.

Please can you bring with you examples of children's writing showing a range of levels. This can include evidence in children's books or on paper, focused and directed writing tasks or child-initiated independent writing.

Operation Encompass **Professional Development for Early Years**

Two dedicated professional development sessions have been organised by Merseyside Police for Early Years settings. The sessions will be delivered by the founder of Operation Encompass, David Carney-Haworth OBE and Co-Creator Elisabeth Carney-Haworth OBE. Please note: the sessions will not be repeated. It would be fantastic if we had as many settings/childminders attend as possible.

So that Merseyside Police can keep a record of attendees, can you please register your attendance by clicking on the below link or scanning the QR code to book onto the CPD Sessions.



<https://forms.office.com/e/iPjbXPjwr1>

Early Years Settings- Friday 22nd March 09:30 - 11:00 Hrs

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 393 035 153 394

Passcode: jVJEtd

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Childminder only- Saturday 23rd March 09:30 - 11:00 Hrs

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 354 150 102 493

Passcode: 636HK8

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

HENRY

Dear Nursery,

I would like to make you aware of the Henry course currently running in St Helens. Please see attached parent leaflet and professional referral tips for more details. Main points are:

- We are part of a Randomised control Trial.
- Parents will be paid £30 if they take part in Henry 8 week course.
- Please contact our admin hub number 01744 411277 or one of the CC/Family hubs below, if you know of any parents who would like to take part or ask them to contact us, and they will be placed on the waiting list and offered the next available place.
- Henry will be offered from **Moss Bank Children Centre, Thatto Heath Children Centre, Sutton Family Hub (inc creche) Central Link (inc creche), as follows:**

Venue Intervention	Date
Sutton CC inc creche	Mondays from 12-2-24
Thatto Heath	Wednesday 7-2-24
Central Link inc creche	Tuesday from 6-2-24
Moss bank CC	Tuesday 20-2-24

I hope this information is useful. If you have any further questions please contact the admin hub number or your 0-19 Link Nursery Nurse

Many thanks
Lucy

Raising the profile of our Early Years and Childcare heroes

Do you know someone who deserves an Honour!

As the Kings New Year 2025 honours round approaches, we are keen to raise the profile of the Early Years and Childcare sector and nominate colleagues who have made a difference.

The honours system recognises people who have:

- Made achievements in public life
- Committed themselves to serving and helping Britain
- And more specifically, through their hard work, are helping to raise standards in Early Years and Childcare

There are different levels of award:

- Knight or Dame: For a major contribution at national level which is inspirational and significant, requiring commitment over a long period of time.
- Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE): For having a prominent but lesser role at national level, or a leading role at regional level.

- Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE): For having a major local role in any activity, including people whose work has made them known nationally in their chosen area.
- Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE): For an outstanding achievement or service to the community which has a long-term, significant impact and stands out as an example to others.
- British Empire Medal (BEM): For a 'hands-on' service to the local community. This could be a long-term charitable or voluntary activity, that has made a significant difference.

Nominating somebody is much simpler than you imagine - tell us Who you think deserves an honour.... Why....and we'll do the rest!

It would be great if you could take a look at the attached honours nomination form, complete with a few bits of information and return to jane.flaherty@education.gov.uk. Feel free to send back more than one form and please do forward on to other colleagues who you think would be able to suggest deserving people.

It's easy....

As well as a few personal details the form asks for a minimum of 500 words on the nominees achievements. Please do include as much of the following as possible:

- Their achievements
- Examples of what they actually did
- How they have contributed
- Their personal story
- The impact of their work
- Why what they have done is over and above others that have a similar role
- Circumstances a person has worked/achieved in
- Challenges they have overcome

Any questions please do hesitate to contact jane.flaherty@education.gov.uk

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 29th February



Baby training (fully funded)

Fully funded online training sessions coming up in March for professionals in the Merseyside authorities.

They're funded by the Merseyside Violence Reduction Partnership and will be delivered on Zoom.

I've been working with Sefton authority recently and have delivered for them a session which is called *Books with Babies* that follows on from the earlier training. This current offer includes this session.

There's also a session which provides more of an overview relating to reading from the womb to age 1.

Professionals can choose from which is most suited to their needs.

Monday 25th March 9.30-11.30: **Read to Bump:**

<https://www.liverpoollearningpartnership.com/event/read-to-bump/>

Tuesday 26th March 9.30-11.30: **Books with babies:**

<https://www.liverpoollearningpartnership.com/event/books-with-babies/>

Wednesday 27th March 9.30-11.30: **Read to Bump and Baby (a combined overview session)**

<https://www.liverpoollearningpartnership.com/event/read-to-bump-and-baby/>

Would it be suitable/possible to share this with your network?

Thanks so much,

Jenny

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Do something big recruitment campaign

The Do something big Early Years recruitment campaign launched on Friday 2nd February 2024.

You can see the press release here: [Childcare recruitment campaign launched](#)

There is also a dedicated website which you can find using this link:

<https://earlyyears Careers.campaign.gov.uk/> On the website you can find information on working in early years and childcare, training and qualifications, real stories and finding a job (this takes you to the DWP page)

Don't forget to advertise your positions on the DWP site and use the key words **'Early Years'** in the job title.



DWP Find a Job instructions

Follow the below steps to help you create an employer account and post your vacancies to Find a Job.

How to create an employer account

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the 'employers' button, along the top.
2. Click 'create account'.
3. Enter your email address and create a password.
4. Click 'create account'.
5. Click the link in your verification email – make sure to check your junk folder.
6. Fill in your company details, we recommend that you select 'Education' as your company type.
To help with the verification process, include as much information as possible under the 'Additional company information' section, such as your website and Companies House registration details.
7. Click 'create company'.
8. Wait for DWP to approve your account. This usually takes one working day.

If any of these steps are unclear, visit [employer help and advice](#).

How to post a job

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the 'employers' button, along the top.
2. Sign in to your account.
3. Select your company.
4. Click 'post job'.
5. Fill in each box with the relevant job details. You should:
 - Use the term 'Early Years' in the job title
 - Select 'Education jobs' for the job category
6. Click 'post job', at the bottom of the page.

Your job vacancy will now be live for 30 days. To extend this period, you must re-post the vacancy. If these steps are unclear, visit [employer help and advice](#).

How to re-post a job

1. Go to [DWP Find a Job](#) and click the 'employers' button, along the top.
2. Sign in to your account.
3. On the employer's dashboard, click 'edit' on the job you want to re-post.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click 'create a copy'.
5. The page will then refresh.
6. Scroll to the bottom of the page again and click 'post job'.

You will then be redirected back to the employer's dashboard, and a copy of your job will appear in the list.

If you need help

If you experience any issues, [contact DWP](#) and select 'I'm an employer and I need help posting my job adverts'. They aim to respond within one working day.

The [Find a Job YouTube channel](#) also provides helpful video tutorials on how to post job adverts and manage your employer account.

St Helens Family Hub Update February 2024

To access the newsletter
please follow the link:



<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BiF17lQuT5GYuTC6?ref=email>

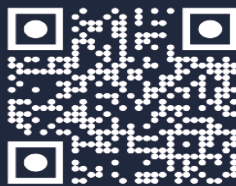


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thesleepcharity.org.uk

Sleep Charity Referral for St Helens Sleep Pathway

Your chance to work directly with our sleep practitioners who are here to help you and your child sleep better



Use the following QR code or link to book one of our 1-2-1 sleep clinic appointments, available via telephone or video calls

<https://ecv.microsoft.com/C35gdvbYBj>

Why not book on our Foundation Sleep Workshop?

Free training that provides you with knowledge around sleep, some of the common reasons for poor sleep and how you can help to improve your child's sleep

To book, please contact brian@thesleepcharity.org.uk

For more information on the local St Helens sleep pathway and accessing support, or for any concerns you may have regarding your child's sleep patterns, then please contact your health visitor, school nurse, early help worker or children's centre

Children's information support available here:
<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



Consultation on food provision in Early Years Settings

St Helens Borough Council would like to understand your views and practice on health promotion messaging and signposting, this will allow us to provide any relevant information and support you may need to support children and families.

If you could complete the below survey **by 22/2/2024**

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/FWDAM2/>

Dear Colleagues,



Ofsted have asked us to tell you about a research project they are carrying out into practice with 0-2-year-olds in Early Years settings.

The aim of the study is to explore the extent to which and how early years practitioners understand and are applying the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum framework to the education and care of 0-2-year-olds.

The survey is designed for Early Years practitioners, managers and leaders who are currently working with children under two in England. It asks about practitioners/managers/leaders' attitudes/feelings/beliefs/knowledge about working with 0-2-year-olds, and the practices they use with 0-2-year-olds.

The survey takes approximately **10 minutes** to complete. The responses will be used to better understand how Early Years practitioners understand and are applying the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum framework to the education and care of 0-2-year-olds.

This is an anonymous survey: no information collected will enable Ofsted to identify either the practitioner or their early years setting.

Please would you forward this email, with the link and QR code to the survey below, and encourage your 0-2s practitioners, managers and leaders to complete it **before 5pm Friday 1 March.**

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Ofsted_0-2s/



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>