



# EYQI Updates

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## Week beginning 11.3.2024

### EYHUB Training

- 12th, 19th & 26th March St Helens EY SENCO Training
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm - 7.30pm Before the Inspector calls- Ofsted preparation for childminders.
- Wednesday 13th March Schools Network Meeting - Rainhill Nursery
- Tuesday 19th March - Reception Class Moderation
- Monday 25th March Supporting Children with Emotional Wellbeing

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### Schools Network meeting and Reception class moderation

#### Schools Network Meeting

The Early Years Network meeting for schools will be held on **Wednesday 13th March at 4pm** at Rainhill Community Nursery School.

Rainhill Community Nursery School  
Deepdale Drive, Rainhill,  
L35 4NW

This is a fantastic opportunity to look around their provision, and staff will be there to guide us around and talk about how the provision is planned for and set-up, inside and outside. We will also be able to look around the 2-year-old provision.

The focus for the session will be Supporting Children's Communication and Language within Nursery and Reception Class.

As always, there will also be time to ask questions and network with one another.

If you are able to join us at Rainhill Nursery, please email [christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk) to book your place.

#### Reception Class Moderation

**Moderation will take place on Tuesday 19th March at 1pm at The Living Well, Willowbrook. Alexandra House, WA10**

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.

Please use your booking link to book a place at moderation, or email the EYHUB [eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:eyhub@sthelens.gov.uk)

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## Early Years Operation Encompass CPD sessions change of dates

We have changed the dates for the planned Early Years CPD Sessions.

**Early Years Settings - Friday 19th April 11:00 - 12:30 Hrs**

**Childminders only - Saturday 20th April 09:30 - 11:00 Hrs**

The dates were sent out in the hope it would be a convenient time/date for ALL Early Years Settings and Childminders across Merseyside to attend.

We are not planning to hold any future sessions and hope the new dates provide enough notice for you to be able to attend.

**The aim is for every Childminder and Early Years setting to attend.**

Can you please share the below link to allow sign up to the new dates.

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

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## Baby room visit

As we begin to approach the introduction of FEEE for babies from 9 months old our EYQI team are looking to come out and visit a baby room to help us gain a better understanding of baby room provisions. If you would be interested in letting us, come and visit your baby room, please email [Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk)



# Do something big recruitment campaign

The Do something big Early Years recruitment campaign launched on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/search?q=Early+Years&w=UK>

Please find attached the guide for how to post your positions, if you have any questions about this please contact [Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk)



## School starting school in September 2024



The St Helens School Admissions Team is kindly asking for your help.

Can you please check that all parents of the children going to school in September 2025 have applied for a Primary School (all links below):

- Even if a child is being assessed towards the Education Health and Care Plan;
- If parents are applying for Deferral or Education out of a cohort

[Applying for primary school for September 2024 - St Helens Borough Council](#)



The Best Practice Network are now accepting applications to join the **final Early Years SENCO cohort**.

With less than **2,000 funded places** left to cover the whole of England, this is your **LAST CHANCE** to secure a place and become a certified SENCO for **FREE**.

[Apply here by March 31st](#)

This programme is open to Level-3 practitioners in private, voluntary, or independent settings, and Ofsted-registered childminders and childminder agencies.

Childminders can now join the EY SENCO programme without requiring a Level 3 qualification. This means even more childminders in England can become EY SENCO Certified for **FREE!**

Complete your application by **March 31st** to secure a remaining place on our final cohort and gain essential skills in supporting children with SEN.

**Lachme Kaur**, a Nursery Manager and SENCO, who has completed the Early Years SENCO programme, said:

“In my 29 years of experience in the early years sector, this has to be the most organised, well-delivered and supported training I have completed to date. This was a wonderful training opportunity for me, as I use every aspect of my training in my day-to-day work.”

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## **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>