



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 18.3.2024

EYHUB Training

- 25th March- Supporting children with emotional wellbeing.
- 26th March- St Helens EY SENCO training.
- 16th April- An inspector Calls- Preparing for Ofsted.
- 23rd April – Safeguarding Awareness for practitioners working in early years settings
- 26th April- EY Hub network for settings 9am-12pm
- 26th April – EY Hub network for schools 1pm-4pm
- 1st May- EY Hub network for childminders 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Bookings are now open for all training in the summer term.

NEW flexibility introduced so that more childminders can join the final cohort of DfE's fully funded Level 3 SENCO training

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! Encourage your childminders to complete their application by March 31 to secure one of the remaining places on the final cohort and gain essential skills in supporting children with SEN. (See flyer attached)

For more information use this link:

[Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#)

Department for Education Childminder Recruitment and Retention Consultation

Overview

We're seeking views on how to support the recruitment and retention of childminders.

Why your views matter

The Department for Education (DfE) is consulting on three proposals and gathering evidence to improve the recruitment and retention of childminders.

Stakeholders are invited to share views on how the DfE can support the recruitment and retention of childminders. This consultation is open to the public and in particular invites responses from:

- Current, former, and prospective childminders and providers of CODP
- Other early years providers
- Childminder agencies (CMAs)
- Parents
- Ofsted
- Organisations that represent childminders, providers of CODP and other early years providers
- Local authorities and the local government association
- Regulated healthcare professionals who work in GPs surgeries
- Landlords and any relevant representative bodies

To complete the survey and have your say please use this link:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/early-years-markets-strategy-workforce/childminder-recruitment-and-retention-consultation/consultation/>

Helicopter stories

Due to a small attendance at the first session last week new dates have been scheduled for 7th May 10.00am-11.30am

11th July 10.00am- 11.30am. If you are unable to attend any of these dates, please email either Chris christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk or Gemma gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk Thank you.

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



FEEE Surveys

Below are the links to the FEEE surveys sent out by Alison Naylor last week, could you please complete these if you haven't already this will help with the roll out of the new expansion.

Wraparound Survey - PVI's and Childminders

If you offer wraparound, i.e breakfast, holiday or after school clubs or if you are a childminder who does specific school pick ups and drop offs for school age children, could you please complete the survey if you have not done so already. <https://forms.office.com/e/Xh2JSw16gk>

will be sharing the wraparound data with DfE and with Coram Hemsalls who are the lead consultants on the Wraparound Programme. **Please see Privacy Notice attached.** I am hoping that I have all the information from the recent surveys that I need to respond and complete my return, but should I need further information from you, or you do not respond to the survey, I will be in touch by phone.

Funding Children from September 2024

If you will be taking children from 9mths old from September 24, could you please complete the following survey if you haven't done so already. The deadline is tomorrow at 5pm (the date has been extended because all providers taking children from 9mths have not responded and it is vital that I have the information. **If you do not accommodate babies, you do not need to complete this survey.**

PVIs - <https://forms.office.com/e/BmU10NGCSK>

Childminders - <https://forms.office.com/e/35fAuPt0P0>

Measles

As you may be aware measles cases are on the rise, the attached presentation offers lots of advice on what to look out for and on **slide 12** you will find information on who to contact should you need any further advice or have any cases within your setting.



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. <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



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 2024 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](#)



Early Years Operation Encompass CPD sessions change of dates

We have changed the dates for the planned Early Years CPD Sessions if you have already booked you will need to rebook to attend the new session.

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>



Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)

The Easter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Tuesday 2 April to Friday 12 April 2024 for all eligible children, young people, and families.

Please share details of this session with any eligible families that you work with.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/HAF-Easter>

HAF Easter Programme 2024 - St Helens Borough Council

Everything you need to know about our Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme running Tuesday 2 April - Friday 12 April 2024.

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>