



EYQI Updates

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EYHUB Training

- **Thursday 28th November 2024**- MOVERS (second session) 1-4pm Sutton Family Hub.
- **Baby room quality improvement network (Managers session)**
Monday 2nd December 2024 2.30pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 4th December 2024 4.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 5th December 2024 10.00am-11.00am
Please note you only need to attend one of these sessions.
To book please email Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk
- **Monday 9th December 2024** Safeguarding solutions network 1.30pm-3.30pm to book please email Gemmaoakes@sthelens.gov.uk Please book onto this session if you have early Safeguarding concerns or if you have not heard from a family's social worker within the last 6 months. If you have a family who steps down from Child Protection or Child in Need to Universal, please contact us to discuss plans moving forward.

Oral Health awareness training dates

Hi All

A quick reminder to ensure all staff book onto one of the below dates in regards to oral health training and resources.

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, the percentage of 5-year-olds with any experience of tooth decay is worse than the England average. In 2021-22, 31.2% of 5 year olds in the borough had visual tooth decay compared to 23.7% in England and 30.6% in the North West . St Helens ranks as 31st highest in England and 13th highest in the North West.

Training Offer

There have been two training dates identified for all Family Hub partners and any agency working directly with families, you will only need to attend **one** of these. Please use the below link to book on and /or identify team members who work directly with families to attend.

For those attending the face to face sessions, oral health packs will be provided to take away with you and provide to families you are working with.

Please see below links to book on the training:

[Oral Health Awareness Training - 19th November 2024 1pm-3pm](#)

[Oral Health Awareness Training - 3rd December 2024 1pm-3pm](#)

Language projects

Dear Colleagues, over the past few years, we have successfully secured funding for a variety of language projects. As we look to continue this momentum, we would love to hear your thoughts on what interests you most. Your input is invaluable in shaping our future initiatives. Thank you for your collaboration!

<https://forms.office.com/e/7javcF1nWV>

BBC Tiny Happy People

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

BBC Tiny Happy People supports parents & carers to develop their little ones' language and communication skills, from pregnancy to 4 years old, in the home learning environment. The website is full of free activity ideas, expert tips & advice and child development content. BBC Tiny Happy People has a simple message at its heart - 'talk to your little one from as early as possible - we can show you how and why it's so important.'

On the website, parents/carers will find:

Activity Content: how to support your children's language development with hundreds of fun simple activity films, all organised by age.

Tips and Advice: from health visitors, speech and language experts, healthcare professionals and early years practitioners covering a wide range of parenting topics.

Child Development Content: shows you why supporting language learning is important. It's all about children's amazing brain development and how they understand the world around them.

Check out the @bbctinyhappypeople Instagram and Facebook for lots more information, tips and activity ideas for you to use and share with families.

[Winter HAF programme](#)

The Winter Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) will be running from Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 for all eligible children, young people and families.

The HAF booklets have been delivered to your venue this week and the activity bookings links will go live on Tuesday 3rd December at 1.00pm for families to book their Winter activities, please note that activity places are subject to availability.

We would like to ensure that as many eligible families take this offer up over the Winter to remove some of the financial burden to families who are already on the brink.

Please see below the link to the HAF webpage with all of the information about the Winter programme.

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/4060/Holiday-activities-and-food-programme>

Kind Regards

The HAF Team

[Do Something big- recruitment campaign](#)

Action for early years settings: Advertise your vacancies on Find a Job for the 'Do Something BIG' campaign

The [Do Something BIG](#) recruitment campaign continues to highlight the huge impact early years educators have on young children and the rewards of working in the sector.

On average, the campaign website receives over 46,000 visits weekly, which directs potential applicants to DWP's [Find a Job](#) vacancy platform to search for early years roles.

Listing your early years vacancies on Find a Job, which is free to use, is a cost-effective way of ensuring visibility by a large pool of candidates.

If you don't have a Find a Job account and have current or upcoming roles in your setting, please watch these [video tutorials](#) to help you create an employer account and post your vacancies.

Please ensure you include the term 'early years' in your job advert titles and select 'Education and childcare jobs' as the job category.

Healthy Start Briefing Session

Janine Prior from the 0-19 Service is offering a 1-hour online briefing on the Healthy Start program for all Family Hub partners and other services.

We want to help more St. Helens families sign up for Healthy Start, as many who qualify aren't yet claiming the benefits.

Please find the session details below and encourage your staff to join using the attached Teams invite.

Session Details:

- Date: December 10th , Tuesday
- Time: 14:00 to 15:00

About Healthy Start:

Did you know that families in St. Helens miss out on over £900,000 in Healthy Start benefits each year? If you receive benefits and are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have children under 4, you may be eligible for extra support.

This includes:

- £34 a month during your baby's first year
 - £17 a month for children aged 1 to 4, plus 10 weeks after pregnancy
- Currently, only two-thirds of eligible families are claiming these benefits.

With the NHS Healthy Start card, you can buy items like plain cow's milk, fresh, frozen, or tinned fruits and vegetables, dried or tinned pulses, and infant formula based on cow's milk. You also get free vitamins.

The session will cover:

- What is the Healthy Start scheme?
 - Who is eligible
 - How to apply
 - Vitamins
- How to promote the scheme
 - Q&A

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 369 313 112 959

Passcode: n7SpJU

[Action for early years settings: Register for a live online event with Stephen Morgan, Minister for Early Education](#)

Join Stephen Morgan, Minister for Early Education, for a live online event for those working in the early education and childcare sector on Wednesday 4 December 2024 at 6:00pm.

The Minister will reflect on his work so far in government and priorities. He also wants to hear from you and will answer questions from the live chat.

[Register for the event.](#)

Please note that this event has been rescheduled from Tuesday 26 November, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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>