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Early Years Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

This month the early years team are focusing on engagement with the Worcestershire early years sector, hosting the Early Years DSL Forums and the Early Years Update Meetings, as well as supporting the launch of the early years Operation Encompass Pilot. We are seeing as many providers as possible across the virtual events and information about the events and how to book is included within the Bulletin.

In addition, the DfE have updated the Covid Recovery Programme and the NEF Year 1 results positive news to share with funded providers.

Best regards,

The Early Years Team

Early Years Bulletin Worcestershire Reminders and Updates

School Admissions

Applications for a Reception place for September 2023 are now open; the deadline for application is Sunday 15 January 2023.

For further information and to apply for a school place, parents and carers should be directed to [School Admissions](#)

Nursery Education Funding Autumn Term Adjustment Claims

The Online Provider Portal is now open for Autumn Term adjustments. Funded providers until Friday 9 December to submit any funding changes for the Autumn Term.

If you need any support submitting your claim, please email EarlyFunding@worcestershire.gov.uk

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Early Years Bulletin: Safeguarding Update

What is Operation Encompass for Early Years?

A meeting for all Worcestershire DSLs in Early Years Settings / Childminders to learn about the new Operation Encompass Pilot and the roles and responsibilities of Early Years DSLs in preparation for the launch of Operation Encompass.

Opportunity for Q&A with the Safeguarding lead, Denise Hannibal,

Cost:FREE

- 29 November 2022, 6.30pm to 8pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10281 / 81318
- 01 December 2022, 6.30pm to 8pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10281 / 81319

Early Year Designated Safeguarding Lead Forums

As requested at the recent Early Year DSL Forums a copy of the information provided during the meetings is included within the attached PDF.

The next Early Year DSL Forums are due to take place in March:

Cost:FREE

- 7 March 2023, 6.15pm to 7.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10269 / 81289
- 9 March 2023, 6.15pm to 7.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10269 / 81290

To book a place on an Early Years event:

- WCF:CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch> using your CPD leader login details
- Confirmations will be issued to the delegate email provided at the point of booking, please ensure junk / spam folders are checked
- Joining instructions will be included within the body of the confirmation email
- If you have not yet had access to the new booking site organised or resolved please do not attempt to create an account. Please contact the training team directly by emailing workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk
- If you encounter any other issues when booking please contact the training team for support

Early Years Bulletin: Business Support

Nursery Education Funding 2021-22 Supplementary Payment

Following our communications in March and August 2022, we are pleased to confirm that the 2021/22 Supplementary Payment has been included in your Autumn Term 2022 Actual Payment; this will appear as an Adjustment payment on your termly Statement.

The payment has been calculated using the number of 3-year-old funded hours you provided during 2021/22; if you did not provide any funded hours for 3-year-old children during 2021/22, you will not receive the Supplementary Payment. As in previous years, our Two Year Old Funding allocation was overspent, so there is no additional payment relating to funded hours provided to two year-old children.

The Supplementary Payment is currently a one-off payment. Local Authority funding is normally allocated based on the Spring Term Census; due to fluctuations in take up we were able to submit termly data during 2021/22, which resulted in a significant change to the initial Early Years funding allocation. We are now back to normal and expect to have a significant funding surplus during 2022/23; we do intend however to make the same request to Schools Forum if the opportunity arises. An update will be provided at the end of the Summer Term 2023 after the DfE publish the final LA allocations.

Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion team

Early Years Inclusion New Webinar Using Visual Resources in Early Years

SENCO Support Advisor Jane Parsons delivers a 20 minute webinar on visual resources:

Early Year Bulletin: Training news

New Training System

Access to WCF CPD booking site

Any early years setting that has not accessed [the training and conference site \(WCF:CPD\)](#) contact the training team to get access sorted.

The new system will only work once the CPD leader(s) has been formally invited to the CPD course search invitation email from CAPdonoreply@worcestershire.gov.uk. As such do not attempt to create your own account.

The new system will not use any login details from the previous site which is why it is essential that access is sorted. The new system will use email addresses as usernames and due to how the system has been built we can only organise one CPD leader per individual email address, additional CPD leaders would require a different email address

Training Team Workforcesupport@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk or call 01905 844420

Early Years Update Meetings

Childminders

An opportunity to hear the latest Early Years news on policy, Ofsted and best practice within the sector.

Cost: Free

- 08 November 2022, 7pm to 8.30pm, virtual, course code: EY 10273 / 81305

Group Settings

An opportunity to hear the latest Early Years news on policy, Ofsted and best practice within the sector. In addition to the Early Years Team, Judy (u)051 g 0.051 G [(secto)- bwe,D

Early Years and Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Introduction to the role

The Introduction to the role of the Early Years & Childcare Designated Safeguarding Lead is a NEW course specifically for DSL and Deputy DSL's who are new to the role or have taken on this responsibility within the last 12 months and may/ may not have completed the six-hour DSL course.

This is a FREE course to support new DSL and Deputy DSL's

During the three-hour session delegates will gain:

- An overview of the legislation and statutory guidance relating specifically to the role of the DSL and to safeguarding and child protection more broadly.
- Information on different forms of abuse that may be encountered, and their possible signs and causes.
- An understanding of information sharing, consent and record keeping.
- An introduction to the processes and procedures used within safeguarding and child protection, including the Worcestershire Levels of Need document.

Cost: FREE

- 15 December 2022, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10179/ 81140
- 20 March 2023, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10179/ 81141

To book onto an Early Years course:

- WCF: CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch> using your CPD leader login details
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Diversity & Inclusion Conference Available to Book Now

We are delighted to bring you our Inclusion conference in education settings including early years across Worcestershire.

This conference will showcase how settings, Worcestershire Children First and services can work together to promote inclusive practice across systems to ensure that we are providing the best possible outcomes for children and young people.

