



WEEKLY BULLETIN 25th April 2024

Welcome to this week's bulletin filled with useful information.
Recent bulletins can be found [here](#)

Contact the team: EarlyYearsCentre@lancashire.gov.uk or 01772 539058

Webpage: www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/ (training courses, support and information from the team.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LancsEarlyYears/
www.facebook.com/groups/lancsearlyyears/)

Advertise your job vacancies on our webpage

www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/supporting-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years-settings/

(uploaded weekly, no charge) complete this form:

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=900752>

Early Education Funding Expansion - Capital Funding Briefing Sessions

To support the rollout of the extended Early Years Funding Entitlements the government has allocated Lancashire £2,015,836 of capital funding to increase the numbers of places available for 2 year olds and under 2's. Funding will be available in identified priority areas, the funding will support existing organisations to extend provision further by remodelling space, undertaking minor alterations or creating new places in new premises.

The following briefing sessions are taking place and sessions are approximately 30 minutes and will be delivered remotely using Microsoft Teams.

Thursday 2nd May: 10:00 -10:30

Thursday 2nd May: 13:00 -13:30

Thursday 2nd May: 18:00 -18:30

Friday 3rd May: 10:00 -10:30

To book a place please click the following link:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/e51nes>

Wraparound Childcare Programme - Briefing Sessions

The government has introduced the National Wraparound Childcare Programme, and this will start to be implemented from September 2024. The government is investing capital and revenue funding over the next 2 years, to enable schools and local providers to set up or expand wraparound provision for children aged 4-11 years, before and after the school day, from 8am – 6pm. The provision can operate on a school site or at another setting in the area, term time only.

The following briefing sessions will provide Information about the rollout of the programme along with an overview of the funding available, and how to apply. The sessions will be approximately 30 minutes and delivered remotely using Microsoft Teams.

Thursday 2nd May: 11:00-11:30

Thursday 2nd May: 14:00 -14:30

Thursday 2nd May: 18:45-19:15

Friday 3rd May: 11:00-11:30

To book a place please click the following link:

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/99blju>

What's happening in May?

Please find attached, details of all the exciting training available for you to attend in May. Don't forget you can see the full programme, including instant access courses that you can access at a time that suits you here

www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/



Don't forget the **Open Morning at the Early Years**

Professional Development Centre is on Saturday the 11th May from 9.30 to 11am

- view the environments and take ideas away
- speak with like-minded colleagues
- take away a complimentary book
- enjoy 20% off all publications

No need to book, just come along on to: Early Years Professional Development Centre, Fairfield Nursery School, Fairfield Street, Accrington, BB5 0LD

Something to do this week!

Review how you understand and support children's behaviour

Take time to consider how your policy and procedures around supporting and understanding children's behaviour are implemented by yourself and any colleagues.

Some questions that may help you:

Does your behaviour policy reflect how you support children's behaviour and clearly

explain this to parents and colleagues?

Is there a system to record any incidents of physical intervention and inform parents?

Is practice consistently

- considering the individual needs of each child?
- appropriate to children's age, behavioural milestones and skill development?
- built on a clear understanding of self-regulation and emotional resilience?
- helping the children to build their emotional literacy to recognise and manage their own feelings and behaviour?
- helping parent's to understand and support their own child?

Are practitioners aware that

- significant changes in a child's behaviour could be a sign of abuse?
- sometimes behaviour that challenges is a response to trauma from Adverse Childhood Experiences www.acesonlinelearning.com
- the environment must provide opportunities for children to relax and be calm?

Have a look at the new Personal, social and emotional development (PSED) section of our website

www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/areas-of-learning/pсед/

- investigate the courses and publications to support you
- download the 'Supporting children's behaviour roadmap'
- explore the tools to help you including Emotion Coaching



Let's Celebrate!

This week we are saying well done to the team at **Sparthfield Happy Day Nursery** in Clayton-le-Moors, who have recently had their **OUTSTANDING** inspection report published. We caught up with manager Emily-Rose who said the whole team were delighted to have retained their Outstanding judgement and that the inspection was a positive experience with the wellbeing of team being at the forefront of the inspector's practice. Their outstanding report celebrates how: 'Staff provide children with a very well-considered curriculum that is broad and varied. Staff create a relaxed, yet predictable environment and dependable routines that help learning to



unfold. This unhurried approach means that children have the time and space to understand more about their learning'.

This is a report to be very proud of and behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team, we would like to say a huge well done and thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to providing high quality care and education to children in Lancashire.

Lancashire Virtual School Early Years Newsletter



Take a moment to read this term's newsletter containing lots of information including the new **Lancashire Attachment and Trauma-informed Education Toolkit** with a range of guidance and resources to

help you to support children with unmet attachment needs or those who may have experienced trauma. There is a link to access the toolkit and also a webinar on how to use it.

[Lancashire Virtual School Early Years News Letter Summer 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](#)

DfE launches consultations on EYFS safeguarding requirements and experience-based route

The Department for Education has launched a consultation on proposals to strengthen the **EYFS safeguarding requirements**, to ensure our youngest children are kept as safe as possible. The Department is looking to formalise existing best practice with these proposals, ensuring that all practitioners have the knowledge and support they need to deliver the safest, highest quality early education and childcare provision possible. These proposals have been informed by extensive engagement with providers, health professionals, Ofsted, sector stakeholders and safeguarding experts and using lessons learned from previous incidents. The consultation proposals include:

- Amendments to promote safer recruitment.
- Creation of new requirements for following up if a child is absent for a prolonged period of time.
- Creation of new requirements to ensure safer eating.
- Creation of a safeguarding training criteria annex and a requirement for safeguarding policies to include details of how safeguarding training is delivered and how practitioners are supported to put it into place.

You can access the consultation here, and have your voice heard. Responses are required by 17 June 2024: [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

You can read about these changes in full in our dedicated [blog post](#).

Today the Department also launched a 4-week consultation on the experience-based route for early years practitioners, following positive sector feedback to this

proposal in the 2023 EYFS consultation. The experience-based route aims to recognise the valuable experience and skills of the sector and give early years providers more flexibility to use their staff effectively by counting additional staff in level 3 ratios. The consultation asks questions about how we think the experience-based route could work. Responses are required by 20 May 2024. You can respond to this consultation here: [Experience-based route for early years practitioners - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/consultation/consultation/experience-based-route-for-early-years-practitioners)

Children and Family Wellbeing Service – Neglect 7 minute briefings

Please find attached these Neglect **7 minute briefings** which can be used to update knowledge, inform assessments, thresholds etc.

There is also FREE training on the Graded Care Profile 2 [Neglect and the Graded Care Profile 2 \(GCP2\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

Toolkits to promote the take up of funded places

Please also use the two online toolkits the we have produced to promote the take up of early years places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds with your families and communities.

The toolkits have lots of useful resources including key messages, video advert, example posts and downloadable digital images that can be used on your social media platforms, posters, parent flyer, and video case studies. They also contain sample newsletter items and texts that can be sent out to parents and families.

Please continue to help us promote the take up of early years funded places, and help to ensure children are school ready.

Links to both toolkits:

[2 Year Old Toolkit](#)

[3&4 Year Old Toolkit](#)

PEEP Learning Together Training



The Peep Learning Together Programme (LTP) Training contains 74 Topics covering five **strands** of child development: **personal, social and emotional development** ~ **communication and language** ~ **early literacy** ~ **early maths** ~ **health and**

physical development.

This is a two day course available online or face-to-face funded through the Liverpool City Region and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub. Places are very limited so please get in touch to secure a place.

Stronger Practice Link Partnership SpHubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk

Please see attached flyer for full details including dates.

Lancashire Safeguarding Board Newsletter

Please follow the link for the latest newsletter

[Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter April 2024 \(cloud.microsoft\)](#)

DfE Updates

[Early education entitlements and funding](#) Information about the 2023 Spring Budget announcement on early years entitlements and associated funding. Updated: 19th April 2024