

WEEKLY BULLETIN 9th May 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>

Something to do this week - focus on how you support children to transition to school



For children starting school in September, this can be an exciting time of year. Parents will now know the child's school and conversations at home may soon be starting about this new adventure.

A successful transition will help children settle quickly and have good levels of emotional well-being and involvement, therefore learning and developing

from day one. Working in partnership with parents, you have an essential role in getting the child ready.

Have a look at our website to see the transition documents that you may find helpful, including transition document templates to capture to information about the child to share with their school. Also user friendly leaflets to share with parents to help them support their child's learning and development. www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/ (supporting children section).

There is also further support to signpost parents to on the Lancashire County Council Website www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/early-years-childcare-and-family-support/getting-ready-to-start-school/

If you would like training, Penny Watson and Kimberley McGrail's ['School readiness](#)

[and supporting pre-school children transition to school'](#) training is happening on Monday the 20th May (1 to 3.30). You can attend at the EYPDC in Accrington or attend virtually as it is live streamed. There is also a pre-recorded 'on demand' version for you to access to two weeks.

Let's Celebrate!



This week we are shouting a glorious well-done to three of our settings who have had their Ofsted reports published recently.

Janette Harrison a childminder in Lancaster shared that her inspection went well. The inspector was lovely and got down on the floor and played with children. Janette shared that her tip would be to not

overthink your inspection and try not to stress. Janette was credited for the way in which she 'has developed a curriculum that identifies children's interest and then supports them to develop new skills. The childminder understands the importance of play. She engages children in a wide range of activities to support them to develop skills in all areas of learning.

Little Adventurers in Chorley were also recognised for their effective curriculum with their inspector noting; 'The curriculum on offer supports children to be independent. Staff celebrate children's efforts to have a go. Babies crawl and pull themselves up, inside and outside, with ease. Older children learn how to put on their own coats and shoes. They enjoy taking the lead in their own play. Manager Rebecca shared that the team were delighted with their report and their inspection was positive and the inspector put everyone at ease.

Windmill Nursery in Thornton, Cleveleys are also proud of their recognition of their commitment and practice. Manager Marie shared that it was clear that the inspector had had some mental health training. Their report gave recognition also their curriculum and how it supports children well: 'The management team has clear curriculum aims and knows what it wants staff to focus their teaching on to help children make progress. The current focus for children is to develop their communication and language skills. Staff understand the importance of this and make good use of opportunities to join in with children's play and conversations.'

On behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team, we would like to say well done and thank you for your dedication and commitment to improving outcomes for children in Lancashire

Family Hubs -



You can now find out what events and activities are taking place across the Family Hub Network by using our brand new online What's On Guide!

<https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events>

You can use our online **What's On Guide** to find out what is happening in your area, what is happening in specific buildings and even book a place on events where you need to book. The What's On Guide will also show you events taking place in other Lancashire County Council buildings in your area.

Why not have a look at what is happening near you now? We will be adding more to this system in the future so keep an eye on our posts for future developments.

MMR Letter

Please share the attached letter from the Public Health Team with parents of children starting school in September.

Also the Get Ready for Spring' flyer with lots of useful information for parents and practitioners.

Lancashire Neglect Practitioner Survey

One of the priorities of the Lancashire Neglect Subgroup is to understand the current landscape and understanding of Neglect amongst multi-agency practitioners across Lancashire.

A quick survey is currently active for this to happen and is accessible via:

www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Neglect_Survey/

The survey will remain open until 27th May 2024.

Prevent Awareness Training

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to share our Prevent offer and training dates for the financial year 2024-2025. Our website now includes a whole host of resources (including assemblies and classroom sessions) that are available to download. Please note the requirements for face to face prevent training has also changed, see the prevent offer for more details.

We will continue to deliver our Prevent education webinars which are open to all staff regardless of their experience of Prevent The webinars include:

- An introduction into the Prevent duty,
- An opportunity for staff to develop further knowledge around the risks to radicalisation,
- How to support those at risk
- Learn about the forms of extremism and terrorism we face today.

Each session will last for 90 minutes and will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. The content of each webinar is the same and registration will be via ticket source only (see prevent offer for link).

In addition to the webinars we have a new face to face “**Prevent in practice**” workshop also on offer for safeguarding leads and practitioners. (leaflet attached). This session was well received over the last 12 months and so we hope to put on additional sessions for those who missed out.

For any questions about our offer or working with us please contact us on prevent.team@blackburn.gov.uk / 01254 585260

DfE Updates

[Early years education recovery programme](#) (Updated 2nd May 2024)

Information on new continuing professional development, qualifications, and support and guidance for the early years sector, funded by the Department for Education.