



Early Years Quality Improvement Team's Weekly Bulletin 27th November 2025

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New Managers / Deputy Manager Academy

Are you new to the role of the manager or deputy manager at a PVI nursery?

Perhaps you have only been a manager for the last 6 months or so or have recently become a deputy manager. Let us know and we can offer you some additional support whilst you fully find your feet (no charge).

One of the Early Years Project Officer's will meet with you virtually to discuss your current challenges and offer advice and guidance and you will also be invited to termly, virtual group meetings to network with other new managers for peer support.

What next: just complete this [Microsoft Teams form](#)

New Practitioners Academy

Are you training or been in early years for less than a year?

Join our new practitioners' academy by completing this [FORM](#) and we will be in touch before each session to share the links with you.

These are free to attend and will help you in your new or future role (there is no need to book, just complete the form).

20th January	4 to 5pm
10th March	9.45 to 10.45am
19th May	4 to 5pm
7th July	9.45 to 10.45am

We will chat to you about all sorts of elements of practice as well as giving you the opportunity to ask questions.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the best profession in the world!

Something to do this week! Find out about Lancashire Family Hubs

Family Hubs are a national initiative that aim to ensure all families have access to the same high-quality services and supportive relationships within their local area. Support is available for all stages of family life, from pregnancy through to 19 years old, or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Family Hubs work together with partner organisations such as NHS or schools to provide help and advice. Families can access support and information on a wide range of subjects such as:

- midwife and health visitor appointments
- groups for expectant mums and dads
- counselling for families
- baby feeding advice
- SEND support groups and advice

Sharing information about Family Hubs with parents when they first join your setting is a helpful way to introduce early support services. By making them aware of where they can access help, you reassure families that support is available as soon as any concerns arise. You can find information for practitioners, including promotional resources here: [Family Hubs – information for practitioners - Lancashire County Council](#)



The Lancashire Family Hubs also support spaces for children and families to have fun together:
[Lancashire County Council Events](#)

For more information about the Family Hubs:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/family-hubs/

Members Microsoft Teams Channel - update

We have been busy having a good tidy and refresh of the member's Microsoft Teams Channel to make it easier to navigate and find the information you need.

- Take a look in the **FILES** – there are now some new folders including links to the past 'Member's Workshop' and 'Power of Pictures' recordings.
- Check out the **PADLETS** – collections of essential materials to support PSED, Communication and Language and Supporting Parents.
- Read the updates and information for members in the **POSTS** to keep up to date.



Five minute business tips for childminders

Our video series of top tips for childminders are designed to support the business side of childminding, helping you to feel more confident, organised and in control of the running of your business. In this video of the series, Anne talks about the importance of effective record keeping and how to keep on top of the day to day running of your business.

<https://youtu.be/tdWEQoLkO1k>



Coram PACEY webinar – Ofsted's renewed inspection approach – ask an early years inspector for childminders

Recently, Coram PACEY held a webinar with Ofsted to explain the renewed education inspection framework. Childminder questions about Ofsted's renewed approach to childminder inspections in England were answered by Wendy Ratcliffe HMI, Principal Officer, Early Education Policy and Sam Sleeman-Boss, Quality and Practice Lead, Early Education Policy. Questions from childminders were answered on the webinar. If you missed the webinar, you can watch the

recording here: [Coram PACEY webinar: Ofsted's renewed inspection approach – Ask an Early Years Inspector](#) and see a list of frequently asked questions here: [Childminder inspection FAQs](#)

Tiny Happy People – tips and advice for mealtimes



The BBC's Tiny Happy People website has a range of articles and recipes for babies and toddlers to help support parents in making mealtimes a fun and positive experience. [Tiny Happy People - Tips and Advice for Mealtime with babies and toddlers]

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

You could share these with parents or use them in your setting.

Lancashire County Council's #LancsWinter campaign



Lancashire County Council's #LancsWinter campaign is here to support families from November through February.

Our aim is to signpost people to help and advice, as well as fun activities, events and opportunities throughout the colder months.

We'll be highlighting everything from services at our Family Hubs and libraries, to support with childcare, education and skills, to low-cost public transport and winter travel advice.

Whatever you need this winter, #LancsWinter has something for everyone.

👉 Find out more at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter



Selected DfE Updates 18th - 24th November 2025

- **[Early years foundation stage profile results: 2024 to 2025](#)**

Statistics on early years foundation stage profile assessments in England, including on the 7 areas of learning and the 17 early learning goals.

- Updated: 19 November 2025

- **[DfE Update](#)**

Our weekly newsletter containing actions and information for DfE-funded organisations.

- Updated: 19 November 2025

- **[Regional Prevent education co-ordinators](#)**

How regional Prevent education co-ordinators (RPECs) can help education providers with the Prevent duty.

- Updated: 19 November 2025