

The Bristol Standard Newsletter provides news and information to settings to support their reflection and development to improve outcomes for children and families across the city.

Bristol Standard takes first steps to becoming paperless and electronic

Over the last year the Bristol Standard team has been trialling e-submissions with several settings. The paperwork is now available on our website and you are invited to use it if you would like using the following link:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/resources-professionals/bristol-standard>

We can provide mentor support with this. The next step will be to have virtual mentoring via our Alfresco site and ultimately to submit electronically. Once you are ready to do this we can set you up with a password and login to our **secure** site.

These are the first brave steps to fulfilling Bristol City Council's vision to become paperless as soon as possible. Already we are storing past records electronically as we move to a more agile way of working.

Hints and Tips

*Short & Snappy
Thoughts from childminder
discussions at Dimension sessions
Dimension 8 - Equality, Diversity and
Inclusion.*

Ensure children feel valued and part of the setting – make use of a digital photo frame -this can be used to display photographs of the children and activities they have done whilst at the setting, but also photographs from home too. It could also be used to show children celebrating different festivals in their own cultures and family traditions.

To welcome children to the setting, sometimes chalk 'Hello' and the children's names on the doorstep.

Julia Harkess, childminder

Bringing teams together



The team at Ilminster Avenue Specialist Nursery and Children's Centre work together on the Bristol Standard. It has been a challenge to bring the whole team of 78 together but worthwhile. Deputy Headteacher, Beth Osborne says: "Doing the Bristol Standard as a large team has provided the opportunity for us all to reflect as a whole setting to celebrate what we do. It provided an invaluable time for all teams to be included to share their knowledge and expertise. From this we have a greater understanding of what we all do. We now have a list of shared targets to work on that link to our Setting Improvement Plan where everyone has had a voice and contributed."

Celebration stories

This year we will be gathering case studies from childminders and play settings to celebrate their own Bristol Standard journey. If you are a Birth to Five setting or Foundation Stage in a school and would like to share your story please contact

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We would love to hear from you.

