

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 Health priorities

We are excited to be starting the Pilot for the Health Priorities this March. The pilot will run until June and there will be a dedicated validation day for the submissions. Ten settings comprising of Children's Centres, Schools and PVI settings are taking part in the pilot which is being evaluated by a research team from Bristol University. We anticipate that this will be more widely available in September as an electronic resource available on the Early Year's website. There are 10 Health priorities which can be used individually to support team reflection on aspects of Early Years health. This will be the focus of the Bristol Standard summer network meetings



e-submissions and Alfresco

The number of settings using the electronic paperwork is increasing steadily and people report that it has made the process easier for them. In March we are trialling cross county e-validation with Plymouth via Alfresco which will be our first step towards virtual validation. There are new help files on Alfresco to support you when using the secure system to upload your submission. Mentor help is also available.

Hints and Tips

Short and snappy

Dimension 6

Observation Assessment & Planning

Consider what works best for your setting. Examples given by childminders are:

Using a wall planner as a tool to plan and keep track of next steps

Conduct long observations focussing on characteristics of effective learning

Outdoor Audit

When the new EY website is launched there will be some celebratory case studies from settings that have undertaken major developments to their outdoor spaces. The outdoor audit was a useful tool to support this process. It is available on the research website. Contact Nicky Bale for a password



Bristol Standard review

The Birth to Five framework will be undergoing a review over the coming months. We will be sending a survey to get your views and ideas to inform our work. We would also be very pleased to have photos from our Bristol Standard settings to bring the document to life. Please contact Nicky who will send a permission form.

