

Newsletter July 2018

The Bristol Standard Birth to Five 6th edition

The 6th edition was launched in March and settings are gradually transitioning over from the 5th edition. We have seen how reflective the new edition has made practitioners as submissions come through for validation. Here are some of the comments we have seen:

The new Bristol Standard folder is clear, easy to use and full of useful information. The updates and new dimensions are welcome changes and helped us to think about our practice in a more holistic way. The questions supported our reflections as a team

Layout is clear and easy to follow – there were references to latest research and thinking and encouraged our own professional reading

Mentor and Validator Annual Training Day



Mentors and validators take part in regular training including an annual update day. This year as we had been focusing on health and wellbeing for staff teams as part of the Bristol Standard for Health, we were pleased to welcome Francine Russell who ran a session on Mindfulness for us. This included making a muesli breakfast which we enjoyed eating together. Jessica Williams facilitated an activity around the Bristol Standard for Health in readiness for the second pilot to start in September. In the afternoon mentors and validators took part in a reflective activity on 'Depth and Detail'. We hope to be able to share their thoughts on this with you at a later date.

Childminder case studies

The latest case study is from Laura Chamberlain and can be found by following the link: <https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/bristol-standard-case-study-laura-chamberlain/>



Alfresco and e-submissions

Thank you for your enthusiasm for submitting electronically this year. We hope to engage more of you from September. It is much simpler to complete in this way and significantly reduces the paperwork. We have two network meetings in the Autumn term:

Practical Alfresco session - Monday 10th September at Bristol Education Centre 4.30-6.00

One More Step Along the Bristol Standard Journey – a look at the three criteria

Wednesday 17th October at Bristol Education Centre 4.00-6.00

Please book with askcyps@bristol.gov.uk



Your Comments:

We value the comments you include with your submission as it helps us develop the materials and our systems. One school says the biggest benefit for the children has been:

Practitioners feel that they are better informed and upskilled by research driven practice and professional reading. The children have benefitted from a joined up team approach to teaching and learning

Out and About

The Bristol Standard team gets out and about, talking at events and promoting the framework. Here is Helen Williams promoting the Bristol Standard at the recent Gender in Early Years Conference.

Bristol Standard for Health 2nd pilot

If you would like to be involved with the second pilot please email the contact below before September.

Next steps for Bristol Standard

We begin the review of the Bristol Standard for Play in September in collaboration with BAND. If you are a Playworker and would like some input or to share your thoughts with us please contact Nicky Bale at the email below



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Please visit our exciting webpages:

<https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/the-bristol-standard/>