



The Bristol Standard Newsletter

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Welcome to all our Bristol Standard settings. This is a small update newsletter to let you know what we have been doing during the current lockdown. We hope you and your families are all keeping well and managing the strange situation we find ourselves in.

The Bristol Standard team is still fully operational due to our systems being electronic. Clearly our move towards paperless working over the last two years has stood us in good stead! We were not daunted when the March validation day approached at the start of the lockdown. We gathered a small central team of six validators and validated online via SharePoint. It was a long day and we all had to get used to a new way of working but we had some wonderful submissions and it worked really well. When it came to May validation we had fewer submissions which was to be expected but again it was heartening to read them and our team enjoyed the day. We have managed to improve the process already and this time added some Zoom interactions during the day and a Quality Control aspect.

We are happy to give you an extension if you are unable to complete by your current deadline but please be assured we and the mentors are all still available to support you. We know that some settings are having their Dimension meetings via Zoom. The electronic forms and Sharepoint are easy to use and we are here to support you with uploading when the time comes.



Bristol Standard online

In response to the current situation we are pleased to announce that we have made the Bristol Standard frameworks available online. The documents are subject to strict copyright regulations so they have been watermarked and are password protected. We are happy to give the password to anyone who is currently on the Bristol Standard journey so that they can continue to use the Bristol Standard while their paper folder may be in the office. It also means all members of a team will be able to read the document from home. The folders can be found by following the link below:

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

If you would like to use the documents online please email nicky.bale@bristol.gov.uk for the passwords.



Bristol Standard – the future

We envisage that things are going to be different for all of us for some time to come so we are currently looking at the possibilities of online training and mentor support as well as interactive network meetings and childminder dimension sessions. We will let you know as soon as we have something in place.

How the Bristol Standard can help you during the current situation

We have all had to get used to a very different way of life and work over the last eight weeks. This may mean we are working in isolation at home; we might be missing face to face interaction with our work colleagues, friends and family. There are many emotions that will be affecting us all. I always say that the Bristol Standard is not just a quality improvement framework but a model for life. It can provide us with a good model for keeping a routine and remaining positive. Each day you can:

- Start by celebrating what is going well in your life
- What evidence have you got for this?
- What do you need to do today or over the next week
- How are you going to achieve this
- Review and start again

This could be something you go through in your head or you may want to jot things down in a journal. Do try it.

Successful validations from March and May

PVI and Schools:

Avanti Gardens
 Bridge Learning Campus
 Carmel Christian School
 Cheddar Grove Primary
 Footsteps Pre-School
 Little Foxes Forest School
 St Barnabas Primary
 Summerhill Infants
 Sunshine Pre-school St Gerards
 Sunshine Pre-school St Martins
 Sunshine Pre-school School House, Whitchurch
 Torwood Lodge Nursery
 Toybox Nursery

Childminders:

Bryony Page
 Lyn Pawsey
 Rosie Coulstring

Play settings

Ashton Gate Out of School Club

KHAAS

Validated in May:

Ashton Vale Pre-School
 Hareclive e-Act Academy
 Southmead Saplings
 The Hive pre-school

Please do not hesitate to contact the Bristol Standard team or your mentor if you have any questions or would like advice and support. We will be very flexible to the changing situation and acknowledge that targets set in your submission may need to change to reflect what has been happening in your setting. We would love to hear how you have been doing things differently with your Bristol Standard meetings.