



## Welcome to September 2020 with the Bristol Standard

We hope you all had some rest over the summer holiday and are looking forward to a new term, although things may be slightly different this year. We have been very pleased to see how many settings have used the Bristol Standard to help them through uncertain times. As we enter the Recovery phase the Bristol Standard will be the ideal tool to help you reflect on what you have been through and how you will move forward over the coming months. The new pathways make it easier for you to complete the submission in a year and we will be happy to talk to you about this.

The central team is available for any enquiries and our mentors and validators are available as normal to give advice on submissions. As we are not able to make visits during Term 1 we have started holding mentor meetings with settings via ZOOM and this has proved very successful

Please note that we are continuing to validate on the advertised dates but due to our remote working, we are only able to offer a download of the certificate and letter from SharePoint which you can print yourself. We will advise you on how to access these after validation has taken place.



## Welcome back to South Gloucestershire

We were very pleased to welcome South Gloucestershire back into the Bristol Standard Family in April. Claire Perry leads on the Bristol Standard in South Glos and she and her team are very excited about rolling out the framework to schools and settings in September.

Claire is pictured here in the car park at Bristol Education Centre collecting her folders and pathway flyers. We look forward to working with the South Glos team in September

## Bristol Standard online

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.

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

If you would like to use the documents online please email [nicky.bale@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:nicky.bale@bristol.gov.uk) for the passwords.

## Bristol Standard online submission forms

We are currently having new interactive forms designed to link with the new pathways. In the meantime you can adapt the existing forms on our website to suit the dimensions you are doing. If you need any help please contact your mentor or the Bristol Standard Central team



## Meet the Mentors

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be a Bristol Standard mentor? If you go onto our website there is a new section called Meet the Mentors. We have got four mentor stories for you to read and will be adding more. Enjoy reading about Carol, Pat, Michelle and Liz. If you would like to let us know what you find helpful about having a mentor please let us know.

You can find the mentor stories on: <https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/the-bristol-standard/helpful-guides/meet-the-mentors/>



## Bristol Standard Network Meetings

Our network meetings are now running via ZOOM. These have proved very popular. Spaces are limited so make sure you book early. We have some exciting sessions lined up. The network is facilitated by Carol and Pat and is a very supportive group. Unfortunately due to being on ZOOM you won't be able to have some of Pat's lovely homemade biscuits! A flyer with full details of how to book is being sent with this newsletter, also on the website.

Thinking about our team with Dimension 7 – Wednesday 30th September 2020

The Bigger Picture with Dimension 10 – Wednesday 18th November 2020

Valuing Your Setting through Dimension 1 – Wednesday 17th March 2021

Focus on Outdoors with Dimension 4 – Wednesday 16th June 2021

## Bristol Standard Outdoor Play and Learning Audit

A working group is currently reviewing the Outdoor audit. The process has been delayed due to the COVID situation but we are hoping it will be ready to launch in June 2021. We would be very pleased to have some photos from settings who would like to show us some of the lovely things that take place in your outdoor environment. If you would like to contribute please email:

[beth.osborne@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:beth.osborne@bristol.gov.uk)

If you are interested in outdoors you may like to join the Bristol Early Years Outdoor Research Network (BEYORN). Please email Nicky Bale for more details.

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.