



Welcome to our Spring newsletter. The Bristol Standard team has been very busy over the last few months. Our digitalisation project has been moving swiftly along and we have some **exciting news** to share in the next section. We have also been redesigning our certificates and booklets which has been very satisfying! Online validation continues to work well. We have been amazed at the quality of the submissions we have seen in the last year. Every submission has got through validation and we have felt really privileged to read about what everyone has done and how they have adapted during the pandemic. Many more settings have decided to do The Bristol Standard during the pandemic year keeping our mentors very busy. It has provided a solid base for reflective practice and ongoing quality improvement. It has been reassuring for practitioners to hold onto an established framework and the online folders have helped everyone to stay connected during challenging times.

Welcome to The Bristol Standard Online

Submission Forms

We are pleased to welcome you to digital forms. Please read the form you will be starting with and you will be guided through the process. If you need support at any stage please contact your mentor. Please also read the guidance which can be found by following the link.



Bristol Standard online submission forms

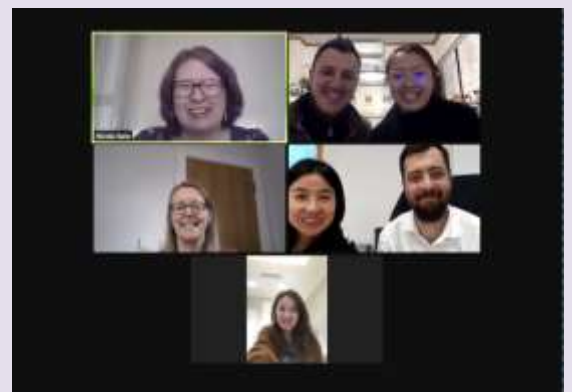
We are pleased to let you know that the new online submission forms are live on our website. This has been an amazing journey for the team as we have worked alongside our web designer. The forms will revolutionise how you complete and submit in future. Although the forms are self-explanatory and we have a comprehensive guidance document to accompany them, the mentors and central team will be happy to support you as you begin to use them. There will be a network session on 16th June to demonstrate how to use them

The following link will take you to the forms:

<https://thebristolstandard.org.uk/>

Bristol Standard in Chengdu, China

We are delighted to announce that the Jade Learning House in Chengdu, China has now started their Bristol Standard journey. After months of meetings and the pandemic getting in the way, Nicky and Beth were pleased to run three training sessions for the leadership team in March. It is amazing to think that ZOOM has opened up communication with the whole world. The team at Jade Learning House will now be having meetings with their practitioners to complete the Bristol Standard over the next year. The setting is a Reggio inspired nursery and uses the EYFS. They are keen to work in partnership with Bristol Early Years. This will be such a wonderful opportunity to share good practice across the globe. We look forward to bringing you further news on our website





The Bristol Standard Outdoor Audit review

The review of the Outdoor Audit was delayed during the pandemic but is now back on track and we hope to be presenting it to you in the Autumn. This will be just in time to start thinking about your outdoors for the Spring term. We have a review group of seven working outdoor enthusiasts working on it. We have linked up with BEYORN (Bristol Early Years Outdoor Research Network). The research group meets each term to have discussions and feedback on what they have been doing outside, talk about books and research and generally share their passion for all things outdoors. If you would like to join these meetings you will find them advertised in the area network CPD schedules. At the last meeting people shared how the pandemic has increased their outdoor play opportunities and how important it will be to continue this as we move forward. We had a very interesting discussion about 'Why are sticks so fascinating?' The BEYORN section on the website is currently being developed and there are already some interesting things to read on there. The link below will take you to the outdoor learning pages where you can find BEYORN as well as lots of other interesting things

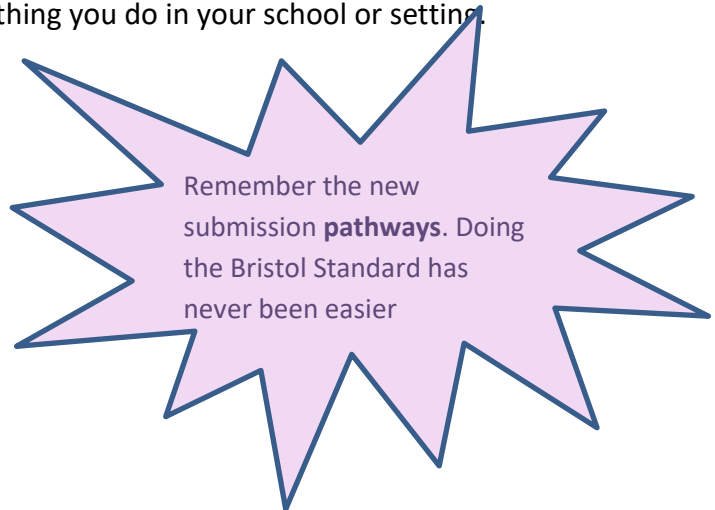
<https://www.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/early-learning/outdoor-learning/>

If you are an outdoor enthusiast, please let us know about what you are doing or if you have any book/research recommendations. The current outdoor audit is available on the website. The review has given us the opportunity to really explore current research and new books on outdoor play and learning.

Bristol Standard and the EYFS reforms

The ten dimensions will help you with every aspect of the new EYFS.

The reforms provide an ideal time to reflect as a team on everything you do in your school or setting.



If you would like more information about the Bristol Standard or to tell us about your submission, please contact nicky.bale@bristol.gov.uk

NETWORK MEETING ALERT!

The next Bristol Standard network meeting is on Wednesday 16th June at 4 pm. This session will introduce the new online submission forms and show you how easy they are to use. We will repeat this session on Wednesday 23rd June at 4pm. Please see attached flyer for booking details