

Bristol Early Years

Bulletin for Early Years Providers

14th December 2022



To each and every one working in early years across all Bristol providers we would like to say a huge festive Thank You, for everything you do for children and families.

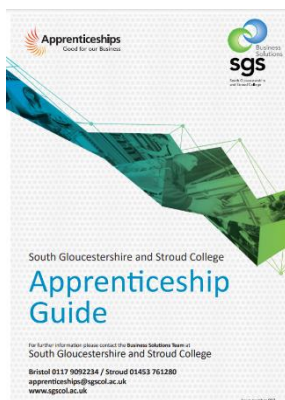
1. EYNFF CONSULTATION – LAST CALL

Don't forget to respond to the EYNFF Consultation if you haven't done to already. We really want to hear from EVERY EY Provider.

The survey link can be found [here](#).

2. RECRUITMENT RETENTION UPDATES

The Bristol Early Years Recruitment and Retention Forum, is now meeting regularly and is working hard to develop a campaign and website to support the sector across the city. The Forum includes representatives from a range of providers, higher and further education qualification providers and the Local Authority. We aim to bring you further news early next year about activity and developments.



Apprenticeships

SGS College are able to help with recruitment (free of charge) for the Level 2 Early Years Practitioner and the Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.

Apprenticeships are a great way for Nurseries and Pre Schools to improve the skills base of their employees. They are a tried and tested way to recruit new staff, and to retrain or upskill existing staff of all ages and levels of experience, in a wide variety of roles. Apprenticeships combine work with practical, on and off-the-job, training and study.

SGS offer a recruitment service free of charge and can supply you with a shortlist of candidates who will have been assessed and interviewed by the Early Years

Course Tutor. Please contact amy.archer@sgscol.ac.uk if you have any questions, or are happy to arrange a meeting to discuss this further. Alternatively, please complete the template attached to the bulletin email.

3. DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION UPDATES

A reminder for all education, childcare and children's social care settings to review their emergency and contingency plans

Each setting should have contingency plans in place for foreseeable risks, detailing what you would do and how you would respond if you needed to take any temporary actions in the event of an emergency. As we are entering winter months, emergency plans should be reviewed and include robust contingency plans for a wide range of winter scenarios, such as disruption caused by severe weather (including where this may impact transport or food), power outages or high levels of seasonal illness. The DfE [emergency planning guidance](#) provides further guidance and support.

A request for contributions to the Early Years Educator Level 3 qualification consultation

DfE is consulting on a revised criteria for the Early Years Educator Level 3 qualification.

The qualification [criteria](#) were last updated in 2014. NCFE, an education charity and leader in vocational learning, conducted the review of the Early Years Educator Level 3 qualification and criteria over the summer, and is now consulting on their recommendations for improvements.

Please [review the suggested criteria](#) and let us know your views. The consultation closes on Monday 23 January 2023.

4. REFUGEE SUPPORT – NETWORK MEETING FOR PRACTITIONERS

Are you working in EYFS with recently arrived refugees or asylum seekers? Pippa Hawkins, Equalities LSL at Bristol Early Years Teaching Hub and Tess McNab, Reception Teacher & Support Volunteer at VPRS welcome you to a networking event to share best practice for EYFS practitioners working with refugees and asylum seekers.



Thursday 26th January 2023 at 4.30-6.00pm

at Willow Park C of E Primary School, Park Lane, St Michaels Hill, Bristol BS2 8EB

We hope to support you in sharing and developing your expertise in learning from each other and deepen our understanding by hearing from refugees here in Bristol. Please email pippahawkins22@outlook.com to book a place or just come along on. Please note: There is a school car park at Willow Park which is just inside the Bristol Clean Air Zone. Those who park in the car park (on Old Park Hill labelled Willow Park Primary) will need to enter their car registration number onto a screen in the school office area to avoid a £100 fine.

5. SEND UPDATES

**MURMURATION
PARENT CARER
NURTURE GROUPS**

8 sessions building emotional wellbeing and friendship amongst SEND parents through group sharing, journaling and therapeutic activities

Tuesdays 10-11.30am at the Limes Children's centre starting 10th Jan

Wednesdays 1-2:30pm at Oldbury Court Children's Centre starting 25th Jan

Tuesdays 8-9:30pm in Easton Community Centre starting 24th Jan

Murmuration Community Therapy are pleased to announce the January dates for their SEND Parent Nurture Groups for parent carers of neurodiverse or disabled children. No diagnosis necessary.

These groups are for SEND parents who want:

- to connect with others who get it
- to take a break from holding everything and feel held themselves
- an honest space to look inwards and make sense of all the feelings
- to learn ways to stay well and strong

This course is run by a therapist and a community worker/parent carer. You can book a place

via <https://murmurationcommunitytherapy.eventbrite.com>

6. HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



There is an extensive offer of holiday activities for school aged children across Bristol. Families can find out more via the [Your Holiday Hub website](#).

Please share information with families that have school aged children who may be interested.

7. BRISTOL STANDARD UPDATES

Bristol Standard Digitalisation and Migration

We are excited to be moving steadily towards the completion of Phase 2 of the digitalisation. All submissions will now be migrated to the new system early in the New Year. You do not need to do anything. Once your submission has been moved to the new system an account will be made for you. You will receive an email invitation to login with a temporary password and to change to a password of your choice. Once this has been completed you can log in and carry on with your submission. There is comprehensive guidance on the new site and we are providing training through the networks. Thank you to everyone who came to the first of these training network meetings and for the very positive feedback about the new site. If you have any questions please contact your mentor or nicky.bale@bristol.gov.uk



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8. COST OF LIVING UPDATES



How to access support during the cost of living crisis

The rising cost of living is impacting people across Bristol in different ways. If you, any colleagues or families need help, please reach out. There is advice, support and information available across Bristol. Visit [Bristol City Council's cost of living support webpage](#) for advice and guidance on topics including food, housing, benefits and financial help, employment and skills, mental health and wellbeing, plus links to useful websites and community organisations across the city that can help you.

Welcoming Spaces

The webpage also includes information on the city's network of Welcoming Spaces where people can keep warm, socialise and access support relating to the cost of living crisis. What happens at each space will vary according to the venue but could include use of Wi-Fi, access to electrical charging points, activities and community meals. There is support provided by city-wide organisations including practical advice about money and finance, mental health and employment and skills. You can see a list of the Welcoming Spaces on the [Bristol City Council website](#). All Welcoming Spaces are wheelchair accessible with an accessible toilet. There is also an online map to show where they are: <https://bit.ly/3EFMr3g>

The Citizen Service Point, located at 100 Temple Street, BS1 6AG, is also on hand if you need help using the council's services or need access to a computer. The opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 5pm. The service is closed on bank holidays. You can also call the We Are Bristol helpline for free on 0800 694 0184, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

Fire safety & heating homes

With the rising cost of living, many people may be looking at alternative ways to heat their homes. Avon Fire and Rescue Service is issuing advice to people to help them save safely this winter when trying to cut costs. If you're thinking of doing things differently at home to bring down the price of energy bills, it's important to remember to do this safely. Please share widely with families and staff.

Here are just a few tips to keep you safe:

- Set the timer - when you need to use your central heating more regularly, check if your system has a timer function
- heat individual rooms - turn radiators off in spaces that aren't often used if you use electric heaters make sure they are in good working order, keep them away from furniture, curtains or anything else that could catch fire
- check your electric blanket for wear and tear, if it is worn, replace it before use
- if you have a log burner or fireplace make sure your chimneys, fireplaces and log burning stoves are swept and cleaned before use
- it's vital barbecues and camping stoves are only used outdoors and not brought or used indoors candles should be fitted in a candle holder, placed on a non-flammable surface and don't leave them unattended

Read the full list of tips on the [Avon Fire and Rescue Service website](#)

9. BRISTOL EARLY YEARS CPD



The Network CPD offer for terms 3 & 4 and the rest of the year are now available.

Network CPD offers a comprehensive range of training opportunities to meet local needs and priorities. All the sessions are free and are open to all EYs practitioners, Childminders and leaders. Sessions in the new year include [Scribble Club with Greg Bottrill](#), [Room Leadership Toolkit](#) and [Reflecting on Assessment](#) and the [Progress Check at Age Two](#) (face to face) and [online](#)

The network sessions are also a great place to connect with other early years professionals from across the city. For dates, times and booking details, please look on the Bristol Early Years [Events Calendar](#)

<https://calendar.bristolearlyyears.org.uk/>

Term 3	Term 4
Scribble Club with Greg Bottrill Monday 9th January & Wednesday 11th January	Enabling Environments for Learning 1st & 8th March
Developing a Toolkit for Room Leadership Tuesday 24th January	Framing a Response to Trauma Thursday 2nd March
Progress Check at Age Two Wednesday 25th January	Looking Beyond Behaviour - one setting's journey in developing relationship-based practice Wednesday 15th March
Practitioner's Wellbeing-ACT: A response to session 1 Monday 30th January	An Introduction to The Children's Kitchen with Jo Ingleby Wednesday 29th March
A Reflection on Assessment in the Early Years Thursday 2nd February & Monday 6th February	Unlocking the Outdoors- Season by Season Monday 27th March
Introduction to Five to Thrive Wednesday 1st February	



PSED, CL&L SUPPORT FOR THE EARLY YEARS

[BEYTH](#) knows that Early Years settings are struggling with supporting children's PSED development, behaviour and wellbeing as well as communication and language in the aftermath of Covid, as well as the challenges in releasing staff for training. To support this, BEYTH's PSED training is in small chunks online.

You can book individual sessions or a bundle



PSED

[PSED BUNDLE](#)- Conflict Resolution on 26th January, 4-6pm · Emotion Coaching to Support Self-Regulation on 31st January, 4-6pm · Introduction to Trauma and Adversity on 7th February.



Communication, Language and Literacy

BEYTH has two courses coming up, to explore the magic of books and get lots of ideas and recommendations, and to explore the very early stages of a child's journey to becoming a reader and a writer.

[Exploring Stories and Books](#) on 9th February, 4-6pm online · [What Comes Before Phonics?](#) On 27th February, 1-5pm face to face



[GUEST TRAINER – Kerry Murphy 23rd February 4-6pm Online.](#)

BEYTH is excited to welcome Kerry Murphy as Guest Trainer for BEYTH, as she focuses on: Developing Neurodiversity-Informed Practice in the EYS, on 23rd February 4-6pm Online.

This webinar introduces neurodiversity in an accessible way and provides key strategies that can be translated to practice, to help to develop strengths-based approaches that are empowering for children identified with special educational needs (SEN) in the early years.

10. CHILDRENS CENTRES SUPPORT



Children's centres play a key role in prevention and early intervention by bringing together early education, health and family support services to support families with young children.

Find about more about groups and services for families in your area [here](#).

11. USEFUL CONTACTS

All settings are able to contact their link EY Lead Teacher for further support and advice. If you are unsure of who your lead teacher is, please contact your area consultant.

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