

Bristol Early Years

Bulletin for Early Years Providers

January 2023

1. HEADCOUNT AND CENSUS

Early Years Headcount and Census Day

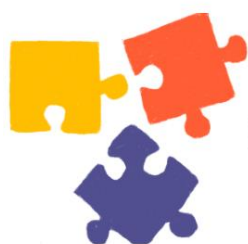
Thursday 19th January 2023 is Early Years Headcount and Census Day! Please can all PVI's and Childminders making a claim this term ensure that they have updated:

- your child data (on your live register) and
- your staff data (on the staff details tab)

Please include any universal and or extended claims for free hours for Afghan and Ukraine children as for any other child. This includes children who are in bridging accommodation. All submissions must be made **online by Friday 27th January 2023**. If you have any questions, email eyclaims@bristol.gov.uk or call 07827 348 719

- Geeky Data Fact: Did you know that 21% of all children on live registers have no ethnicity recorded? Please help us narrow that gap by asking parents to identify their child's ethnicity on their EYR1 Parent Declaration Form and updating your live register.

2. BRISTOL EARLY YEARS CURRICULUM GUIDANCE - FREE ONLINE BRIEFING



Bristol Early Years Curriculum Guidance

A briefing to share Bristol's new curriculum guidance for all EYFS practitioners in EYs Settings

Book via Link below or Event Calendar

[Tues 21st February 4.00-6.00pm for EYs Settings](#)

Come and find out more about how this guidance can help to:

- understand what we mean by curriculum and how it meets the needs of the unique children and families you work with
- feel confident to talk about your curriculum using the 3 I's (Intent, Implementation, Impact)
- explore good practice examples of what an EYs curriculum might look like in local settings and schools
- audit and review your curriculum using a tool linked to the Ofsted inspection framework

3. TWO-YEAR-OLD PRACTICE

The Bristol Network for Two-Year-Old Practice

Come and join Millie Colwey and Laura Trott, Local Specialist Leaders for



birth to three years, to explore the unique care and education needs of two-year-old children; meet colleagues from a range of other settings and share good practice; enjoy a tour of the host setting to find out about their work with two-year-olds.

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Time: 6-8pm

Location: Redcliffe Nursery School

Statutory Progress Check at Age Two - Free CPD 25th January

Do you have two-year olds in your setting? Please come along to a free session to explore and share knowledge about assessment at two and the updated features of the Statutory Progress Check at Age Two. The sessions are hosted by Bristol early years consultants and will include local and national resources to support ongoing development and learning and early identification of emerging needs and the integration of health and family support professionals. There is a choice of training in person and online. **Please book via the [EY Calendar](#)**

4. KEEPING REGISTRATIONS UP TO DATE

Just a reminder please, that it is legal requirement for all early years providers to maintain up to date contact details for managers with Ofsted. If there are any significant changes to any of this information after registration or anything significant happens, you must by law notify Ofsted if these changes have a negative impact on your childcare setting or safety of children. Ofsted can be contacted on 0300 123 1231

Please also remember that serious incidents at a setting must also be reported to Ofsted. Details of what constitutes a serious incident and how to report can be found [here](#).

5. UKHSA MANAGING GROUP STEP A – ADDITIONAL WEBINAR 12 JAN

UKHSA have advised us that an additional webinar date has been set up for those who were unable to book onto the special webinar on managing Group A Strep (GAS) infections in Early Years and Education settings (held 5th Jan). This additional webinar will take place on **Thursday 12 January 2023 at 4pm.**

This webinar is free and give participants the opportunity to learn more about Group A Strep as well as infection prevention and control and outbreak management. Participants have the opportunity to ask questions and will also receive the informative slide pack.

Any early years or school staff can attend the session – book a slot here

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-group-a-strep-gas-infections-in-early-years-and-school-settings-tickets-506051863747>

6. DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION CONSULTATIONS

[Support for Childcare and Early Years Inquiry](#)

The Education Committee has launched an inquiry into support for childcare and the early years. The inquiry will examine how easy it is for parents and carers to navigate the current system, affordability of childcare and the effectiveness of the different funding entitlements. It will also look at the current workforce issues faced by practitioners and settings.

We encourage settings to respond to this inquiry and call for evidence to parliament either via the hyperlink in the title or [here](#). The closing date for submissions is **19th January 2023**.

<https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7164/support-for-childcare-and-the-early-years/>

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

DfE is consulting on 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**.

7. REFUGEE SUPPORT – NETWORK MEETING FOR PRACTITONERS

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.

8. BRISTOL STANDARD UPDATES

Please see the Bristol Standard newsletter attached to the Bulletin email.



9. SEND UPDATES



**MURMURATION
PARENT CARER
NURTURE GROUPS**

8 sessions building emotional wellbeing and friendship amongst SEND parents through group sharing, journalling 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>

SEND AUDIT & FUNDING

Bristol Early Years is aiming to audit 50 early years settings across the city to gather information which will provide an evidence base to identify how the funding from the Early Years SEN Panel is currently being used, examples of good inclusive practice, implementation of Bristol's Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) and to gather general feedback from the early years sector

We are asking for Expressions of Interest from practitioners working in early years settings who are interested in undertaking an audit and will provide £450.00 to the setting to enable them to release this practitioner for 1 day for each audit. This will allow time for preparation and gathering data around the setting, a half day visit to include observation and discussion with key staff and time to complete the audit paperwork. We will also provide £150.00 to the setting where the audit is taking place to enable them to release key staff for discussion.

It is also essential that we collect the views of parents whose children attend the setting where the audit is taking place to inform our understanding. Therefore, we will provide the setting with a link to a Parent Survey for them to share with the parents of children attending the setting. The results from this survey are expected to be included in the completed audit paperwork.

We are keen for practitioners to commit to undertaking a minimum of three audits during February and March to enable a level of confidence in the process. Settings will be allocated to practitioners to ensure they have an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of the type of setting they are visiting.

Please see the attached information and expression of interest form attached to the Bulletin which should be completed and emailed Dawn Butler: Early Years Manager – dawn.butler@bristol.gov.uk



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



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.

11. CHILDRENS CENTRES SUPPORT



NORTH



SOUTH



CENTRAL



EAST

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](#).

12. 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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