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## Early Years Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

With the ongoing concerns around recruitment, the Early Years Team took the opportunity to host a stand at the Worcestershire Skills Show this week. We talked to hundreds of pupils who are looking towards their future careers and hopefully helped to inspire the next generation of early years practitioners.

We're now looking towards the [Early Years Conference](#) which is taking place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We're really looking forward to talking to as many of you as possible over the course of the day, in between sessions focused on SEND, recruitment and staff wellbeing, all key topics within the early years sector. There are a small number of tickets still available if you haven't yet booked.

As always, if you need any advice or support, please contact the team via email at:

[EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk).

Best regards,


The Early Years Team

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## Early Years Bulletin: Worcestershire News and Reminders

### Community Grant Funding

If you are a  , you may be able to apply to Prime PLC for a grant of up to £6000. Looking to support charities in Worcestershire, they are funding projects that will benefit the local community. For further information and to submit an application, please visit: [Foundation Grant Application for Worcestershire | Prime plc.](#)

### Could you support the Training Team with a venue?

We are looking for venue's specifically in Pershore, Evesham, Bromsgrove and Redditch that could host face to face training. It maybe that your setting has a specific training room, or you visit/use a local community centre/hub that could meet our needs, or as a school you have the facilities we could use.

Our requirements are:

- Well-lit car park especially essential during winter months
- Adult sized chairs and tables
- Space to accommodate up to 30 delegates comfortably
- Access to a projector/screen and wi-fi
- Access to refreshments facilities
- Someone will be on site to provide access, ensure the space is set up as required, deal with any onsite issues and lock-up the building
- Confirmation if there are any accessibility limitations to the venue

If you are a school/setting that could meet these needs, or know of a venue that is within these areas Pershore, Evesham, Bromsgrove or Redditch that would meet our requirements, please contact Rachael Oakley, [roakley2@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:roakley2@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) with a contact name, number, email address and school/setting or venue name.

### Recruitment Reminder

Please don't forget that we can include any staff vacancies you are currently advertising via the WCF Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Please email [comms@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:comms@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) with the following information if you wish to make use of this service:

- Job title
- Location
- Hours
- Brief description of role





## Early Years Bulletin: National News and Reminders

### Tax-Free Childcare

Take-up of Tax-Free Childcare continues to be high on the national agenda, to support families with the cost of living.

All Ofsted registered providers can register for Tax-Free Childcare. If you are not registered, information about how to do so can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sign-up-to-tax-free-childcare-if-youre-a->

## Early Years Bulletin: News from the Inclusion Team

### Inclusion Webcasts

The Early Years Inclusion team have created free inclusion workshops for the topics that they regularly support setting SENCOs with. The workshops are between 30 mins to an hour long, providing bitesize and accessible information and advice:

Applying for Challenge Funding: [https://youtu.be/X55\\_YOrW80Q](https://youtu.be/X55_YOrW80Q)

Tips for promoting positive behaviour: <https://youtu.be/Ln9FGmG6F0U>

How to write a support plan: <https://youtu.be/wgozpApBKXE>

How to use EYFS Early Support: <https://youtu.be/gtMpsNjU92> (5) 100 170 001 18.09.03 5/18/2020

## Early Years Bulletin: Early Help and Safeguarding Update

### Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership Resources

The [Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) (WSCP) have a range of resources available for use by [professionals](#) including:

- Advice to practitioners regarding bruises on babies
- Neglect toolkit
- Multi-Agency learning briefings
- Guidance documents

### Early Years Bulletin: In the setting

#### Developing Outdoor Provider for Babies and Toddlers

Creating outdoor provision for babies and toddlers can be challenging. Safety, temperature control, parents' views, sleep routines etc. all play their part in what is provided daily in the routine.

The importance of being outdoors for babies and toddlers is clear. They have a right to outdoor play, being under the sky and experiencing the elements. It meets their strong need for exploration of the world around them and offers a wide range of sensory experiences which indoors cannot provide.

#### Sensory experiences

Safe plants can be planted, grown, smelled, picked and tasted by the children. The natural elements are great for first hand experiences. Babies and toddlers love to feel the wind on their face, notice trees and object moving in the wind. Hanging wind chimes, using windmills, ribbons etc will support these experiences.

#### Loose parts

Things that can be transported, collected, stacked, balanced, arranged etc. will offer a variety of learning opportunities which will engage the children more deeply.

#### Natural Materials

Babies and toddlers are drawn to natural materials such as soil, sand, water, pebbles, bark, plants etc. they are important for their developing understanding of the world. If the outdoor area is covered in a safety surface, consider how these can be incorporated.

#### The adult's role

Outdoors is very important for interactions. Talking with babies and toddlers about what they are



## Early Years Bulletin: Training news

### Reducing Parental Conflict



## Reminders from the Training Team

The CPD site website is: <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>