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EarlyYear Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! It's incredible how quickly we're already moving through the Spring Term.

There are NEF Briefings and Early Years Update Meetings taking place beftererhalfiere is information in the training section of the ulletin regarding datestimes and how to book. If you are hoping to attend, it's important you book a place in advance so that you received the section.

We are continuing to update the Early Yearsboite, please let us know if there is anything you feel is missing.

If youneed any advice or support, pleasenail the teamon <u>EYCC@worcschildrenfirst.org</u>ork submit a equest via the <u>website</u>

Best regards,

The Early Years Team

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Nursery Education Funding

Spring Term Funding Checklist

Have you completed all your required actions for the Spring Term? The deadline for all of the following is Friday 19

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Statutory Guidance Updates

The following documents have been updated recently:

• EYFS Statutory Framework for Childminders 202\$ summary of the changes for childminders can be foundere.

Early Years Bulletin: Safeguarding

Keep Me Safe

The Keep Me Safe Strategy as launched in Worcestershire in July 2023. It aims to provide consistent and coordinated messages to practitioners across Herefordshire and Worcestershire about a particular safeguarding theme to reduce the numbers of children who are seriously injured or die across the two countie Keep Me Safe When I'm Sleepisgin place, with a range of resources available to support practitione Keep Me Safe When I'm Cry is gcurrently being developed, but resources are already in place to support practice.

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TheSolihull Approach Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing

If you're interested or worried about your child's mental health and wellbeing then this course is for you. Parents/ carers can learn more about the importance relationships in your child's life to help shape their mental health and wellbeing, and teaching them important emotional skills they will use throughout life.

Parents/ carers can take this short course to help you to connect with your child and provide the best support to nurture confidence, resilience and empathy, setting them up to thrive, the FREE <u>'Understandingyour child's mental health and wellbeing' course</u> help.

This short course provides an introduction into understanding your child, their feelings and how to nurture their emotional development. Parents can access this course for FREE by wishing Place website and using the access code PARENTSROCKg

Do you know how to contact your local Health Visiting team?

The<u>0-5 Health Visiting tea</u>rare available to contact to discuss any health and development concerns you may have regarding your child until they start school.

For advice on issues such as feeding, behaviours or constipation you can contact our Teelephon Advisory Service (TAS) line Monda Triday 9am- 1pm on our 1 simple number: 01905 520 032

You can also book an appointment at one of our Babyweigh clinics to check your be weight or Well Child clinics to discussy an oncerns you may have or get your child weighed if over the age of 2.

Download Baby Selfreigh Clinic Flyer Download Well Chal Clinic Flyer

Cost of Living Support

Cost of living support and advice is available for Worcestershire families this winter. For more information and to find out what local support is available, pleasevisit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cosofliving

Download Cot of Living Advice and Suport Leaflet

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Early Years Bulletin: News from the Incluster

Early Years Inclusion Process

Have you visited the <u>Early Years Inclusion Process we</u> prage webpage contains information regarding the process and includies quently asked questions (FAQs)

I submitted a notification for a child, and I did not receive the intended outcome?

Have you submitted a notification to the arly Years Inclusion Process where you have not received the intended outcome? In some cases, the Early Years Inclusion Process may have discharged a chil earlier than expected. If this is the case, please up mit the <u>Health / Provider Notification Form</u> including additional information in the 'Child's Voice to n.

If you have ay questions regarding the Early Years Inclusion Process, please conviactemail at <u>eynotification@worcschilrenfirst.org.uk</u>and include gur name, email address and telephone number along with your query and we will get back to you.

Early Years Inclusion Supplement Funding

TheEarly Years Inclusion Funding Supplement deadline for any new children for Spring Term 2023/24 applications is Fridal^{9th} January 2024All Inclusion Supplement Applications are online and can be found a Dnline inclusion funding application process | Worcestershire County Council

This funding is applied for once an academic year. Payments received begin the term which you have applied for, and will continue for subsequent terms, until the end of that same academic year. Payments will be received at the end of each term, in line with your statements for each term, and will be shown on your NEF statements.

Criteria is available in the 'Inclusion Funding Criteria' at: Online inclusion funding application process | Worcestershire County Council

The providers must:

 For both GR4 Challenge and Exceptional funding applications, the providerseturn the termly Inclusion Supplement Monitoring form. Ther oring form.ous2 (54 (o)12 (n)4 (i)tTd t)2 (n)

How do I contact the Area SENCo Team?

You can contact the Area SENCos directly on the details below:

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Amy Rowley: Area SENCO (South Worcestershire)

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- Telephone: 07858 687668 or 01905 643962

Annette Murray: Area SENCO (Droitwich, Wychavon and Redditch)

- Email: <u>AMurray@worcschildrenfirst.org.</u>uk
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Inclusion Surgeries

The Area SENCo Team will be offering surgery support sessions every half term. These are dedicated afternoon surgeries for Early Years SENCOs giving the toppy for a 30minute meeting (currently delivered via the telephone). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss more complex Inclusion issues with an Area SENCO.

Open to: All Ofsted Registered, Early Years SENCOs/practitioners working with children aged from birth to five years old whether in a day nursery, **stat**hool or with an EY childminder.

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Booking is essential as places are limited. To book your place you will need to add your name and number onto thisinclusion sugeries bookinglocument

Once you have booked your surgery session, a member of the Area SENCo Team will call you at you allotted time, so please ensure you are available.

NEF Childminder Briefing

This is an introduction to Nursery Education Funding (NEF) for registered and prospective Childminders, including information about Statutory requirements and Worcestershire processes.

The session is specifically for Childminders who are interested bing funded childcare in Worcestershire for children aged 42 years of age.

Cost:Free

Dates:

- 1 February 2024, 6.30pm to 8pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10105 / 84510
- 26 June 2024, 6.30pm to 8pm, virtual delivery, course code: EY 10105 / 84511