



WEEKLY BULLETIN 6th June 2024

Welcome to this week's bulletin filled with useful information.
Recent bulletins can be found [here](#)

Contact the team: EarlyYearsCentre@lancashire.gov.uk or 01772 539058

Webpage: www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/ (training courses, support and information from the team.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/LancsEarlyYears/
www.facebook.com/groups/lancsearlyyears/)

Advertise your job vacancies on our webpage

www.lancashire.gov.uk/practitioners/supporting-children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years-settings/

(uploaded weekly, no charge) complete this form:

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=900752>

Two free online sessions to support with menopause

Please find posters attached for two free online sessions to support with menopause:

Managing the Menopause in Life & Work

Wednesday 12th June, 6.30pm - 8.00pm, click here to book:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=44800

Supporting Your Partner through the Menopause

Wednesday 19th June, 6.30pm - 8.00pm, click here to book:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=45431

Free resources for professionals from Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse

Throughout the year the Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse are offering **short,**

free webinars on how to use key [practice resources](#). Morning, lunch and end of day sessions are available in these taster sessions about how practice resources can help you in identifying and responding to child sexual abuse.

[Events | Webinar | CSA Centre](#)

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are shouting a big Wednesday well done to 2 of our Lancashire Childminders who have recently had their glowing Ofsted reports published.

🌟 Claire Langstreth in the East of the county was recognised in her report for demonstrating: 'that she knows each child incredibly well. She adapts learning opportunities in the moment, knowing what she wants the children to learn next. The curriculum is ambitious and well thought through and is delivered using the children's interests'. Claire shared that her first inspection was a very positive experience and that the inspector was lovely. She gave lots of positive feedback about Claire's practice and her setting and that she would make a great support to other childminders. Claire's top tip is to ensure you are reflecting diversity within your setting and be able to talk about how you do this to support children's understanding of diversity and help them learn about similarities, differences and what makes them unique.

🌟 Mary Richards from Fleetwood also had a positive experience and shared that she was made to feel at ease straightaway by the inspector who asked her about her background. The inspector also chatted to Mary about her own background in being an ex childminder. Mary's report celebrates how well she: 'works diligently to broaden her understanding of early education. For example, she sources training around brain development. This helps to deepen her understanding of how children learn. The childminder reflects on practice with other early years providers. This helps to continually raise the quality of education and experience for children.' Mary said that her top tip would be to make notes before hand so you don't forget to mention anything. Know your reasoning/intent behind everything you do and have a good refresh on everything, including any training.

**On behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team,
we would like to say a big thank you for your hard work and dedication
in providing quality care and helping to raise outcomes for children! Well Done 🌟❤️🌟**



Generation Wild goes from strength to strength

WWT have recently launched a tear-jerking animation to celebrate the impact of [Generation Wild](#), their nature connection programme for schools, children and families in economically disadvantaged communities. This comes as the 100,000th nature activity has been completed through the programme. Generation Wild has also been recognised for 'best contribution towards transforming nature connection' at the recent Outdoor Recreation Network awards 2024.

Morgan Marshall, Generation Wild Programme Manager, explains: 'We know Generation Wild is having a positive impact on children's wellbeing and levels of nature connection, but it's difficult to give a feel for this using graphs and figures alone. That's why we commissioned [Tom Sears](#) to produce this amazing animation that takes real quotes from participating children and brings them to life.'

Mark Stead, Head of Learning at WWT adds: 'I am so proud of the team for their hard work and dedication in delivering this fantastic project which is making such a difference to the lives of these children. The ORN award is no less than they deserve for making this happen.'

You can view the animation and find out more about the impact of the programme at: <https://generationwild.wwt.org.uk/impact>



Something to do this week!

Sun Safety

Children's skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. The last few weeks we have enjoyed some mixed weather but as summer continues it's a great time to consider how you keep the children safe in the sun. Some questions to consider when reviewing your arrangements:

- Are you consistently following the NHS Guidelines www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/ including re-applying sunscreen every 2 hours?
- Do you make appropriate changes to your routines in hot weather?
- What do you have in place if a child arrives without sunscreen or appropriate clothing?
- How are you supporting parent's and carer's understanding of the risks?
- How do you support children to keep themselves safe in the sun?
- Are all adults aware of the signs of heat exhaustion and heatstroke and the action they should take?



Further useful guidance: [Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Resources to share with parents: www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety-advice-for-parents

Drowning prevention week



Get involved!
Drowning Prevention Week 2024 runs from Saturday 15th to Saturday 22nd June

Drowning Prevention Week (DPW) is the Royal Life Saving Society's (RLSS) annual campaign week designed to explore opportunities to proactively raise awareness of water safety ahead of a summer outdoors - messages can be shared throughout summer, not just during DPW!

The Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire Child Death Overview Panel

(CDOP) will be raising awareness of key messages and sharing resources, you can get involved by helping to spread the word on social media using the hashtags #DrowningPreventionWeek #DPW #EnjoyWaterSafely #RLSSUK

Printable resources - [Printable Resources \(rlss.org.uk\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources/printable-resources/)

Animation 1 - <https://youtu.be/mYs-fbvie2k>

Animation 2 - <https://youtu.be/zwzB7So7jSM>

Visual for TV screens - [GetImage.ashx \(1999x1125\) \(rlss.org.uk\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources/get-image-ashx-1999x1125/)

Social media images - [Drowning Prevention Week Imagery for England, Northern Ireland and Scotland | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK \)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources/drowning-prevention-week-imagery-for-england-northern-ireland-and-scotland/)

How to get involved - [Royal Life Saving Society UK's Drowning Prevention Week \(rlss.org.uk\)](https://www.rlss.org.uk/resources/royal-life-saving-society-uk-s-drowning-prevention-week/)

Department for Education updates

Updated: 30 May 2024

[Keeping children safe in education](#)

Childminder members cluster meetings

The next member's **cluster meetings** are nearly here, so please pop the dates in your diary and look out for the emailed invitation from Clare and Kelly. It's a great way to keep informed and network with fellow childminders. The focus this term is 'Maths in Play' and they will also be covering a section of the childminder audit and discussing key themes coming from recent childminder inspections.

19th June at 6.30 to 7.30pm – Virtual option

20th June at 6.45 to 8pm at the Early Years Professional Development Centre, Accrington.