

WEEKLY BULLETIN 13th June 2024

Welcome to this week's bulletin filled with useful information.
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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.

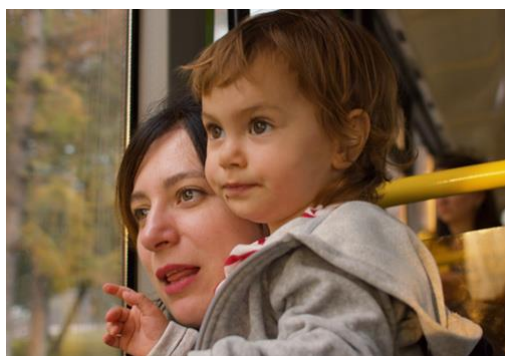
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Advertise your job vacancies on our webpage

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>

Do you know anyone who may like a fresh start in a new career caring for young children?

Please share the DfE's Do Something BIG, work with small children – recruitment campaign. [Do something big - Early Years Careers](#)

Childminding is a great option for those who

- Would like to work flexible hours from their own home
- Have a nurturing nature and would be able to

support learning and development of children

For more information, please ask them to contact us to watch a FREE video about becoming a childminder in Lancashire. If they decide that they would like to register, we have a full package of support available plus there are currently Government **start up grants**.

The next set of **Childminder workshops** are being delivered very soon – 6 pm to 9 pm on Wednesdays 19th June, 26th June, 3rd July and 10th July at County Hall, Preston (opposite the train station)

They can visit our website [Becoming a childminder - Lancashire County Council](#)
Or to request a link to the free video email: EarlyYearsCentre@lancashire.gov.uk

Something to do this week! – Think about your

Arrangements for first aid

The EYFS Statutory framework states that 'Providers must ensure that there is a first aid box accessible at all times with appropriate content for use with children.' Some things to consider when reviewing your systems.

- Are the first aid supplies easily accessible particularly in larger settings or where staff are spread out?
- Are staff members and volunteers aware of the first aid arrangements including location of first aid equipment and who the qualified first aiders are?
- Are used items replaced immediately?
- Are first aid supplies regularly checked for out of date items?
- Are the first aid supplies taken on outings, sufficient and appropriate for the potential risks?
- If you are in a homebased setting, how do you ensure that first aid box supplies are not mixed up with your family's?
- Are you aware of the requirement for some qualified staff (and childminder assistants who are left alone with children) to have completed Paediatric First Aid Training?
- Do you have a training plan that includes updating First Aid Training?
- Are reasonable adjustments made to ensure that children with long term medical needs are supported?

[First aid in schools, early years and further education - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

You will receive a list of recommended first aid box content from your training provider and the Health and Safety Executive also have a reminder www.hse.gov.uk

Summer Personal Education Plan (PEP) Check for Children Looked After (CLA)

It's that time in the term again when we need to make sure the CLA PEP meetings are in the diary for the summer term if they have not already taken place. If a date has not been arranged, please contact the child's Social Worker and carer to agree a time.

If you have a PEP meeting coming up shortly but the PEP has not been delegated to you on the portal, please contact the Social Worker to request delegation.



A number of Spring PEPs still sit with the Designated Practitioner awaiting completion. Please check your portal and complete as required. If you are experiencing any problems/need any support, contact sharie.mayren@lancashire.gov.uk or PEPQueries@lancashire.gov.uk.

The Summer PEP cannot be started until the Spring PEP is finalised (we advise you save a PDF version of the PEP before submission).

Deadline for completed Summer PEPs is the 7th July

Thank you for your continued hard work with the PEPs, we appreciate there are occasionally problems and we work hard to rectify issues quickly. It helps for us to be informed of any issues as early as possible.

Sharie Mayren
Education Consultant
Virtual School For Children Looked After

Calling all Childminder Members!

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.

Look out for your updated portfolio in the post (new joiners from April already have this version) and the email with lots of additional guidance.

Reminder - Updated PVI Funding Agreement for the Provision of Early Education and Childcare

The Funding Agreement has been updated to reflect the following:

- The roll out of the expanded entitlements that came into effect for 2-year-old working families on the 1 April, and for 9 months to 23 month old children that will come into effect on 1 September 2024.
- Changes to the payment terms following the recent consultation that was carried out.
- Updates in line with changes to the new Statutory Guidance that also came into effect on 1 April 2024.
- Please refer to the summary of changes document attached for more information about the clauses that have changed.

The Provider Portal is now open for settings to submit the Funding Agreement Acceptance Form. The Funding Agreement Acceptance Form **must be submitted by Friday 21 June 2024**. Providers that do not submit the form by this deadline will not be able to submit an estimate of hours for the autumn term when the Provider Portal opens in July. This means we will not be able to process their interim payments for the autumn term.

Important Note: Please ensure you only submit the Funding Agreement Acceptance Form as some providers have been submitting the New Provider Registration Form by mistake. Thank you.

Postponement - DfE Northwest Early Education and Childcare Expansion Road Show

We have been asked to share this message below regarding the postponement of this event. Those already booked have been contacted individually. As you are aware, the Prime Minister on 22 May called a general election on 4 July, and parliament dissolves today (30 May). We are now in a pre-election period; this will last until the General Election concludes. During this time Civil Servants and Ministers must adhere to published Cabinet Office guidance and are limited to discussions on operational essential matters and can't comment on future policy government matters, for this reason, we will need to postpone the **DfE Northwest region Early Education and Childcare Expansion Provider Roadshow on 20 June 2024**. We apologise for the late notice and any inconvenience this may cause. We are looking to re-arrange the event in September/October time and will send out further details on how to register for this new date shortly, we really look forward to seeing you and providers in your region later this year.

DfE and Ofsted Updates

[Childcare accessibility by neighbourhood, England: Ofsted's methodology](#)

Ofsted's methodology examining childcare accessibility by neighbourhood in England. First published 4th of June 2024.

FAMILY HUB NETWORK

You can now find out what events and activities are taking place across the Family Hub Network by using our brand new online What's On Guide!

<https://events.apps.lancashire.gov.uk/w/webpage/all-events>

Let's Celebrate!



This week we are saying a big well done to two of our Lancashire nurseries.

👉 Carey Childcare Centre in Preston have recently had their Ofsted inspection report published in which their practice and commitment to children was celebrated. Their inspector noted how: 'Activities are well planned and staff know exactly what they want

children to learn. Staff assess children's understanding as they interact with them. They also think of ways to further embed or extend children's knowledge, which helps to build on children's capabilities'. Deputy Manager Ruth shared that the team are delighted with how the inspection went and are very proud of the outcome of the inspection. Her top tip would be not to change anything for the inspection and be yourself.

👉 Happy Minds Nursery in Burnley also experienced a positive inspection. Owner Darren shared that their inspector was very mindful of asking if everything was OK and offered breaks. The inspector noted that at Happy Minds there is 'a strong key-person system. Staff establish respectful relationships with parents and carers and gather information to use to help them form strong bonds with the children. Staff provide their key child's intimate care and carefully monitor their progress. They plan learning to support children's personal development'. Darren's top tip would be to keep the same routines as you would usually do.

On behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team, we would like

to say well done and thank you for your commitment and dedication to improving outcomes for children in Lancashire. 🌟🌟🌟

Safeguarding - Clare's Law

Clare's Law, (the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme) (DVDS) was introduced following the death of Clare Woods who was in a relationship with George Appleton and was unaware of his violent history. When the relationship ended, she was subjected to harassment and was raped and murdered by him. At the inquest, the coroner said: "Consideration should be given to the disclosure of such convictions to potential victims in order that they can make informed choices about matters affecting their safety and that of their children. Clare's Law has two main elements: the "Right to Ask" and the "Right to Know".

Following several reviews in Lancashire where Domestic Violence has been evident the Clare's Law 7 Minute Briefing has been developed to support multi agency professionals in learning more about the process in applying for a Domestic Violence Disclosure as quickly as possible once information is known around domestic abuse risk factors

Please see the attached link for more information

Car seat event

Lancashire County Council Road Safety Team and Child Seat Safety are holding a number of drop in events at various locations across the county. Around 1 in 3 child car seats are not fitted correctly but the issues can be easily resolved. The team will demonstrate how to correctly install the child car seat or inform the driver if a car seat is unsuitable for some reason.

In addition, drivers will be offered a range of car seat and general road safety literature to take away with them. Many of the mistakes people make surrounding child car seats are simple and easy to avoid, including seats belts needing tightening, harnesses not being in the right position and incorrect head restraints – simple.. yet potentially life saving. Pop along for free advice and an independent check.

This will be happening on both 10 June and 11 June from 10am to 3pm.

Morrisons, Morecambe. LA4 4DA

Childminder members cluster meeting

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NDNA NETWORK OF THE YEAR



Philippa Perks, Chair of Lancashire Network and Sharon Fenton, Chair of Lancashire Network were delighted to have won the accolade of "Network of the year" at the recent National Day Nurseries awards.

Working Like a Scientist in EYFS

Improve confidence and gain ideas for promoting awe, wonder, and curiosity in reception classes with our training course "Working Like a Scientist in EYFS." Encourage EYFS children to 'work like a scientist' and develop scientific skills and vocabulary. Provide rich learning opportunities, outdoor learning, and progression into KS1 curriculum. Explore ideas for exploration and investigation to inspire curious minds and enhance vocabulary in EYFS. Experience a wealth of new ideas to implement in your classroom and promote continuous learning for children in your setting. [Book today.](#)

NHS Talking Therapies



- NHS Blackpool Talking Therapies Service provides a range of FREE therapy options recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) for common mental health problems such as depression and anxiety. Our courses are available to **anyone aged 16 or over who live, work or study in Lancashire and South Cumbria .**

Please find attached our posters with upcoming courses and webinars. It would be appreciated if these posters can be displayed and shared with staff/patients/clients/students.

Over the next few weeks, we have the following courses and webinars:-

- **8-week Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy Course** – Online introduction starts 10th June
- **Mastering Stress – Steps to Wellness** - 6-week course with introduction on 17th June
- **Health & Wellbeing Course** – 6-week course with introduction on 5th July
- We also have a range of **45-minute webinars** on topics such as Mindfulness & Wellbeing, Overcoming Low Mood, and Managing Health Conditions.

Our online courses and webinars are available to local and out of area clients and are available for 72 hours after the live event.

To self-refer/general enquiries call: 01253 955700

Visit our website to find out more and register

online: <https://www.blackpoolteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/services/talking-therapies>

Email us at: bfw.h.talkingtherapies@nhs.net

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Free Online Introduction to Deaf Awareness

Following the amazing uptake and fantastic feedback for this course during Deaf Awareness Week in May, we knew we needed to put more on. This course is fantastic and a real insight into the Deaf community. Lancashire Adult Learning are again, pleased to be hosting 'Online Introduction to Deaf Awareness and BSL', two **FREE** sessions running on **24th June and 3rd July**.

The course serves to introduce deaf awareness, the struggles of communicating in a hearing world and introductory phrases in BSL with guidance on how to learn more independently.

- Find out more on this great opportunity here – <https://www.lal.ac.uk/.../online-introduction.../BHSN1137/>

Are you interested in learning more about Deaf Awareness and British Sign Language?

Why not join one of our free online courses to learn more about BSL and effective communication with deaf people. This could be a friend, family - young or mature, in schools/workplaces, interacting with local community while out shopping or socialising.

In these one-off sessions you will be introduced to deaf awareness and British Sign Language (BSL) You will identify the barriers the deaf community face on a daily basis communicating in a hearing world.

The session will cover tips on how to communicate more effectively with all deaf people.

It will also teach you how to introduce yourself using British Sign Language and show you how you can continue to learn BSL independently after the session.

You can ENROL today and secure your place on one of the following courses by clicking the links or QR codes below.

- **Monday 24th June 6pm-7:30pm**
https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?ui_o_id=46278

Or

- **Wednesday 3rd July 4pm-5:30pm**
https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?ui_o_id=46278

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These courses are free for anyone living in Lancashire and over the age of 19 yrs.

Healthier Families

Lancashire Adult Learning are launching an exciting new provision for Family Learning called 'Healthier Families' and are offering six new courses. Each course is a one-off session lasting 2.5 hours.

Childhood Immunisations

This short course focuses on giving parents knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their child's health. You will learn the importance of immunisations and learn which vaccines children need at different ages. This will help parents/carers can feel reassured in their efforts to protect children's health and ensure a healthy future.

Common Childhood Ailments

This short course focuses on giving parents knowledge and confidence to make informed decisions about their child's health. You will learn to identify common childhood health problems and how to be proactive meaning parents/carers can effectively manage common ailments and help children stay happy and healthy.

Dental Hygiene and Oral Health

This session will look at what makes good dental hygiene/oral health and create awareness about certain foods and drinks we need to reduce, to help promote positive dental health.

Five ways to wellbeing for your family

This course looks at the Five Ways to Wellbeing for mind health & happiness. You will be able to evaluate your own wellbeing and that of your family & find ways to include the Five Ways into family life and formulate a plan to ensure that your family's wellbeing is promoted and encouraged.

Healthy Kids, Healthy future

This course aims to look at ways in which we can keep children healthier. This will include awareness around maintaining a healthy weight for children and how this can affect their physical and mental health. Parents/carers will be able to help their children by learning how to promote a healthy lifestyle, including a healthy diet and regular physical activity. Setting a positive example through our own behaviors & actions and providing support can empower children to make healthy choices and maintain a healthy weight.

Exercise for Families

This course educates parents about the importance of exercise for the whole family. Parents/Carers will be supported to design strategies for simple, enjoyable physical activities that the family could enjoy together. Through this course, participants will discover the positive impact of incorporating regular exercise into a routine, fostering a healthier and more connected family life.

To book in one or more of these courses or for more information, contact our Partnership and Engagement officer:

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