



WEEKLY BULLETIN 20th 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>

Something to do this week!

Review the food, drinks and snacks that you provide



Take some time to make sure that you are fully up to date with guidance around providing children with a healthy, balanced and varied diet. There are lots of resources to access and don't forget to share this information with parents too

Collection of advice for settings: [Help for early years providers : Food safety \(education.gov.uk\)](#)

Eat Better, Start Better: This document covers everything that you need to know about providing a healthy and balanced diet including helpful visuals of appropriate portion sizes.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/eat-better-start-better/>

For information on a balanced diet for children over 2 and adults: [The Eatwell Guide - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

Example menus for early years settings: [Example menus for early years settings in England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are shouting out a glorious well done to two more of our Lancashire settings who have recently had their Ofsted reports published.

☀️ the team at Brindle St Joseph's Nursery were celebrated for creating; 'an oasis of interesting opportunities for children indoors and outside. Children are happy, develop close relationships with staff and demonstrate that they feel safe when attending nursery. Staff know what children need to learn and use their emerging interests to motivate children in their learning.' Hannah Greenwood and Deborah Webster who co-manage the setting said that the inspector was really nice and put the staff at ease straightaway. She focused on Communication and Language outcomes for children and asked about the impact of Covid and if this was still having a bearing on children's learning. Hannah's top tip is to be organised so that when you do get the call, there is no panic for the day. Hannah also shared that attending the Record of Self Evaluation training helped them feel prepared.

☀️ At Stepping Stones in Kirkham, Manager Zoe McGowan said that their inspector was very reassuring and mindful of staff wellbeing. The learning walk was very successful and wasn't rushed with the inspector giving them time to showcase everything they do. The inspector noted how; 'Staff teach children about differences and similarities between themselves and others. They learn to respect other people's beliefs. Staff help children to learn about their local area as they tend their community allotment. Children begin to develop a sense of their place in the world and learn about life in modern Britain.'

Zoe's top tips are – 1) Do what you do every day. 2) Showcase as much as you can so that you offer the information rather than wait for questions.

On behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team, we would like to thank you for your continued commitment in providing quality care and education in Lancashire. ☀️



Training for July and August

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Hello, please find below a reminder of the training opportunities available to you from the team in July and August.

Please follow the link in the title to get the full details and access the electronic booking form.

Pre-recorded virtual training can also be purchased for individual team members including:

- Role of the Playworker
- Thinking differently about play
- Competition and challenge through playful opportunities
- Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
- Supporting and Fostering positive interaction in your club
- Physical Development for 3 to 5 year olds
- Wellbeing for adults
- Wellbeing for children

Role of the Playworker is also available to be booked as whole team training

Find out more at [Out of school settings training - Lancashire County Council](#)

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<u>Safeguarding for the Designated Lead Practitioner</u>	Catherine Isherwood	Face to face training on Wednesday 10th July 9.30 to 3pm Early Years Professional Development Centre, Accrington
<u>Blended Paediatric First Aid (12 hours)</u>		Face to face part of the blended first aid course (you must have completed the online learning before the face-to-face session). Friday 2nd August 9.30 to 4.30 County Hall, Preston
<u>Safeguarding for the Designated Lead Practitioner</u>	Catherine Isherwood	Face to face training on Wednesdays 14th and 21st August 6 to 8.30pm Morecambe Football Club
<u>An Introduction to Safeguarding</u> a pre-recorded virtual session that can be booked for the 1 st or 15 th of the month. The pre-recorded webinar and resources which will be available for two weeks from the date you choose.		

CHILDMINDERS

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There is also a large selection of training that is available to watch 'on demand' at a time that suits you.

[On Demand - training available - Lancashire County Council](#)

*No charge for members but if you do not attend once booked you will be charged at the full rate (unless you cancelled in line with the training terms and conditions).

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<u>Safeguarding for the Designated Lead Practitioner</u>	Catherine Isherwood	Face to face training on Wednesday 10th July 9.30 to 3pm Early Years Professional Development Centre, Accrington
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PVI AND MAINTAINED NURSERIES

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Don't forget many training courses have been recorded and are available as 'instant access' for two weeks. [Nursery settings and schools training courses - Lancashire County Council](#)

*SSG member settings can book 2 places for the price of one on this course.

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*Developing your Curriculum Outdoors	Cathy Bagot and Judith Halton	Face to face training on Monday 8th July 9.30 to 4pm Early Years Professional Development Centre, Accrington
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Liverpool City Region and Beyond – Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs



The newsletter from the Liverpool City Region and Beyond, Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs provide information for all settings about services available and this extends to settings in Lancashire. If you would like to know more please visit the website here - [Visit our website](#) You can also subscribe to their newsletter - [Subscribe](#)

Taken from the latest newsletter

LEARNING WALKS

Are you looking for a Learning Walk in another school or setting to see early years in action? We have the following on offer. Please email the sph email if you would like to book on.

East Prescot Nursery School, East Prescot Road, Liverpool, Merseyside, L14 1PW - Wednesday 25th September at 9.30am – 11.45a.m

If you wish to offer your setting for a learning walk to share practice especially linked to research in communication or early mathematics, let us know via email on sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk

– to read more please follow the link -

<https://www.evertonnurseryschoolandfamilycentre.org/lcrnewsletter>

NHS DENTAL PATHWAY

NHS England is required to ensure that children in care have access and attend a dentist for routine assessments near to where they are living.

Please find guidance attached which can be shared with relevant third parties.

Department for Education updates 11th-17th June

- [Education, health and care plans: England 2024](#)

Data on the number of children and young people with a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or education, health and care (EHC) plan in England.

- Updated: 13 June 2024

- [Statistics: special educational needs \(SEN\)](#)

Statistics on pupils with SEN, including information on educational attainment, destinations, absence, exclusions, and characteristics.

- Updated: 13 June 2024

- [Funding for national professional qualifications \(NPQs\)](#)

Funding for courses and schools to help teachers take NPQs for their professional development.

- Updated: 12 June 2024

