



WEEKLY BULLETIN 27TH June 2024

Welcome to this week's bulletin filled with useful information.
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Webpage: www.lancashire.gov.uk/early-years-support-and-training/ (training courses, support and information from the team.

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

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

Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership New

Dear Colleagues

Please find below the link to this month's newsletter.

Please disseminate across your organisations and contacts as appropriate.



June 2024 - Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership Newsletter

Lancashire Safeguarding is a multi-agency partnership established to ensure safeguarding measures are met, vulnerable children and adults across Lancashire are protected from harm & abuse ...

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Something to do this week!

General hygiene – handwashing

The Statutory framework states –

"Safety of premises - 3.64 Providers must ensure that their premises..... are fit for purpose and suitable for the age of children cared for..... Providers must comply with requirements of health and safety legislation, including hygiene requirements."

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) gives guidance on hand washing and hygiene at childcare and educational settings. They state that all children are taught the proper procedure for washing and drying of their hands and that they are educated why we have these routines to prevent and manage the risk of infection.

The two key messages for early years settings are –

1. There must be provision of facilities for children, staff and visitors to wash their hands using liquid soap and tepid running water
2. Children, staff and visitors should be educated on the importance of thorough handwashing, the correct procedure and the reasons for this (for example, after using the toilet or before eating and why)

The correct procedure for handwashing can be found on the NHS website here - [How to wash your hands - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

The publication, Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities, preventing and controlling infections, states that paper towels should be used to dry hands and that bar soap should not be used. This guidance can be found here - [Preventing and controlling infections - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Further guidance from NICE can be found at - [Recommendations | Antimicrobial stewardship: changing risk-related behaviours in the general population | Guidance | NICE](#)

Let's Celebrate!

This week we are shouting a marvellous Wednesday Well Done to two of our Lancashire settings who recently had their inspection reports published.

✨ Wray School Pre School in Lancaster shared that their inspection was a positive one. Manager Jan Forshaw noted that the staff felt relaxed with an inspector who was mindful of their wellbeing. The inspector asked staff questions but was not intrusive on their work. They also spoke to parents and also looked at emails that had been sent in by parents who weren't available on the day. The inspector noted how well

'Children learn to persevere. They practise their balance and control as they navigate a tricky obstacle course with support until they can manage it independently. Children's overall well-being is thoughtfully promoted. They learn in a holistic manner and make good progress in readiness for the next stage of their education.' - How lovely

✨ Acorns Nursery With Sunrise And Sunset Club in Appley Bridge were also commended for their practice: 'Staff provide learning experiences that build on children's prior learning and experiences. They provide carefully planned activities

that follow children's interests. Children make good progress across all areas of the curriculum.' Manager Louise Morley shared that the inspection was a very positive experience. The learning walk went very well and the inspector explained everything as they went from room to room which meant that there was then very little that the inspector needed to ask. Louise's Top tip – be yourself and talk about your setting and how it runs from day to day.

On behalf of everyone in the Early Years Quality Improvement Team, we would like to say well done and thank you for your continued commitment to delivering quality care and education in Lancashire 🙌🌟🙌❤️



Department for Education Update

Update from GOV.UK for:

Department for Education 21 June 2024

[Apply for a childminder start-up grant](#)

Eligible new childminders can apply for a start-up grant to recover the cost of registering as a childminder.

Change made:

Updated to make eligibility criteria clearer.

Early Years Entitlement Expansion - Childcare Sufficiency Update

The Childcare Sufficiency Team will soon be distributing a survey to gather an updated picture of childcare sufficiency in Lancashire following the introduction of the new early years funded entitlements. This information was last gathered in the Autumn term, and we are aware settings are adapting their services to meet demand.

The data gathered will help us understand the current sufficiency position and will support the rollout of 30hours funding for 2 year olds and under 2s from September 2025. We encourage you all to complete this as soon as possible.

Please look out for an email from invitation@online1.snapsurveys.com

Thank you in anticipation.

Lancashire Childcare Sufficiency Team

Team Around the Schools and Settings

Have a look at our website and the new TASS in Action tab for examples of how TASS is working in your locality. You will also see the highlight reports from each Locality Group for the last half term.



[TASS in action - Lancashire County Council](#)