

Newsletter for all Early Years Providers



Autumn Term CPD Training

See our new look themed training headings to aid in searching for your training needs:

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| Early Years Foundation Stage | Leadership Training |
| Babies Training | School Readiness |
| Quality Forums | Business Training |
| Statutory Training | |

Don't forget you can also access bespoke training for your setting, further information can be found on the website under tailor made training.

Web information is being reshaped and will be emailed out shortly.

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Training Discounts and Special Offers

Keep an eye out for our bulk buy discount which saves you **£££** when you book your training up front by Friday 21st September 2018.

SPECIAL OFFER

Use code AUT50* to get 50% off one training course of your choice.

*This code can only be used once per provider & excludes Paediatric First Aid. See Booking terms and conditions on our website for more info.

Quality Forum Autumn Term 2018

With changes to the Safeguarding Competency Framework expected in the Autumn Term, we wanted to offer the opportunity to come together at the Quality Forum to further explore the revised process. Further publicity and booking information will be available in the new term.

Save one of these dates:

- Thursday 4th October 1.00pm-3.00pm
- Tuesday 9th October, 9.30am-11.30am
- Thursday 18th October, 6.30pm-8.30pm



E-Certificates

From the Autumn Term you will no longer receive certificates in the post.

All certificates will now be sent by email so please ensure that you provide an email address on your booking form.

30 hours free childcare – Managing the Autumn Term deadline

Please encourage parents to apply for their 30 hours code in good time. They should apply now before the summer holidays using the Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

The deadline for making an application for a 30 hour place for the Autumn term is 31 Aug 2018. However, parents should not leave it too late to apply as HMRC may need more information to check and confirm eligibility and parents should allow time for this.

Temporary 30 hours codes: These may be offered by the Childcare Service Helpline to support eligible parents who are experiencing ongoing technical issues with their online application. Parents can contact the helpline on 0300 123 4097, who will check eligibility and provide them with a temporary code if they qualify for 30 hours. We would like to remind providers that these codes need to be validated via the Portal in the same way as standard codes. Temporary codes begin with '11' and standard codes begin with '500'.

Other important messages for providers to share with parents:

- Continue to remind parents who already have an eligibility code to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours and (and for Tax-Free Childcare too) every 3 months.
- Encourage parents to maximise the government support available to them this summer by visiting the childcare choices website and using the Childcare Calculator to find out what support they could get.

For working parents, the support can include Tax-Free Childcare to help pay for regulated childcare, e.g. holiday clubs. With Tax-Free Childcare, working parents – including the self-employed – can get up to £2,000 per child per year towards their childcare costs. Parents can also combine Tax-Free Childcare with 30 hours to help pay for additional childcare beyond their 30 hours.

Childcare Choices - Communications Toolkit for use by providers

The government has developed a range of communications tools to help providers promote 30 hours and Tax-Free childcare. Here you can access useful email templates, leaflets, posters and social media content <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/communications-toolkit/>

Please help parents be ready for the Autumn Term.

Revised Provider Agreement for delivery of 30 hours FEEE

Providers are asked to note that a new FEEE Provider Agreement will to be issued in line with the updated Statutory Guidance that DfE has issued along with a revised Operational Guidance on how local authorities (LAs) and early years settings should provide the entitlement for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.

In the Autumn Term Leicester City Council will issue a new Provider Agreement (Terms and Conditions) for the delivery of FEEE places in line with the updated guidance documents. All funded providers will be required to accept and sign-up to the new agreement to continue to deliver funded places.

Meanwhile, providers can access and have a look at the updated Statutory and Operational Guidance via the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-and-childcare--2>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-la-and-early-years-provider-guide>

“In the summer time, when the weather is fine...”

Summer has well and truly arrived and the hot weather looks as though it is here to stay! This brings lots of lovely opportunities for us to make the most of such as; sharing tea in the garden, enjoying painting with water on the patio and watching the sun make it disappear, or enjoying a story under the trees in the shade etc. However with all of the wonderful advantages of the nice weather, come all of the possible disadvantages!

Be sure to not fall foul of the potential pit falls by reviewing your current risk assessments and updating them with any additions or amendments that may be required.

Things you may need to consider;

- Sun safety/exposure
- Stings and bites
- Propping open doors/access to the premises
- Water play/ice play
- Keeping cool
- Trips and outings

For further guidance, [click here](#)



Autumn Term EYFS Network

Save the Date!

Wednesday 31st October 2018

9.30am – 12.30pm

Hansom Hall, Leicester Adult Education College

Belvoir Street Leicester LE1 6QL

This event will provide networking opportunity and updates from local authority advice and support services for EYFS practitioners across all settings and schools in Leicester City.

Please save the date and full agenda details will follow in September.

Following the last citywide network event we have taken on board feedback and plan to have a split agenda, which will enable joint agenda items and networking opportunities as well as a session on the agenda where settings and schools will split up to have key updates for their specific sector.

CPD Courses and contact details

We no longer send out course booklets, but email you a link every term to our new programme. The CPD programme and course booking form can be found on the Childcare Professionals' area of the FID by following this link, which you may want to bookmark to your favourites:

<https://families.leicester.gov.uk/childcare-professionals/early-education-development/training-and-development/>

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