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Early Years Bulletin

Dear Colleagues,

Please look out for the Early Help Workshop; Rachel Watkin's presentation at our Early Years update last term was very well received and provoked a great deal of interest. I am sure there will be more important and useful information to be gleaned from this session.

Also, our Early Years Consultation Group has met this week but is still seeking new members. It is important that all aspects of Early Years provision in Worcestershire are represented as well as all districts so if you would like to find out more please get in touch.

Enjoy your Bank Holiday.

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Government Updates

[Early years register providers inspection requirements for Ofsted](#)

Page summary: DfE requirements for Ofsted when inspecting early years childcare providers

Early Years Consultation Group

Our newly reformed Early Years consultation group met for the first time on Tuesday. The Early Years Consultation Group is a collection of Early Years providers and members from the Early Years team and Worcestershire Children First.

The group meet monthly to discuss the service delivered by Education Services on behalf of Worcestershire Children First; available training and the Nursery Education Funding, plus any other business related to running early years provision.

We do, however, have a number of vacancies so if you would like to become involved please contact Ian Morris at imorris@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk.

- Wychavon; sessional and childminder vacancies
- Wyre Forest; full day care/ sessional/ childminder/ school vacancies
- Worcester; full day care/ sessional/ childminder/ school vacancies
- Redditch; sessional/ childminder vacancies
- Malvern; full day care/ sessional/ childminder vacancies
- Bromsgrove; sessional/childminder/school vacancies

Early Years Weekly Attendance Data

Thank you for your ongoing data returns.

The form for the week commencing **Monday 24th May** is now live:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bsWQyqkFsY>

Please be aware that you need to use the new link every week – you will **not be able to access the Form** via last week's link.

The form should be submitted by **9am on Tuesday 1st June**. Schools with nursery provision should also submit a return for the **nursery/pre-school children** only.

Worcestershire Children First are hosting an Early Help Offer Workshop

Thursday 10th June at 3.30pm to increase partners' understanding of the 'Early Help Offer'

You are invited to attend and hear presentations from key service providers on how they can enhance and support your setting's Early Help Offer.

The following questions will be answered:

- What is an Early Help Offer and why does my setting need one?
- What should be on my setting's Early Help Offer?
- How can I make my setting's Early Help Offer accessible to parents/carers?

For more information and to book your place on the workshop, please visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/early-help-offer-workshop-tickets-153944561327>

For any questions please contact the team on earlyhelppartnership@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

Anna Freud Training

The Anna Freud Centre is announcing a series of free webinars aimed at all early years practitioners.

Sadly, a large number of early years workers are likely to come across children who have experienced some kind of trauma during their work. Trauma can be caused by a range of events and experiences. Some children may have encountered neglect, abuse, or violence, and others might be dealing with the fallout from an accident, bereavement or natural disaster.

This webinar will offer early years workers clear and practical guidance on how they can manage the needs of children in their care who have experienced some kind of trauma. It will look at the different reactions young children may have and explore a range of ways that you might be able to manage their needs and support them as best you can within your setting.

This webinar will look at: Supporting children in early years settings who may have experienced trauma on June 24th, 16:30-18:00.

[Early Years Webinar: Supporting children in early years settings who may have experienced trauma \(annafreud.org\)](http://annafreud.org)

Review of the Pre-School Forum

Worcestershire Children First are reviewing the functions and impact of the Pre-School Forum; the process in which the local authority monitors children with SEND during their preschool education.

We would appreciate all professionals involved in the forum answering the questions in the survey, to aid our review and identify areas of strengths and areas for development. This includes all health and education specialist workers, school-based SENCOs and Private, Voluntary and Independent Early Years practitioners/SENCO's.

[Access the survey for professionals](#)

A separate survey has been created specifically for parents/carers and we would appreciate professionals disseminating the following link to the survey for any parent carers that have had involvement with the Preschool Forum.

[Access the survey for parents and carers](#)

Please take this opportunity to let us know how the Pre-School Forum discussions, referrals and decisions impacts or impacted on the children you support.

The responses will be collated, and an action plan issued with a view of implementing any improvements and recommendations in September 2021.

The closing date for comments is Friday 2 July.

It takes approximately 6 minutes to complete and we urge all interested parties to contribute their thoughts to the review.

Child Safety Week: 7 to 13 June

Child Safety Week is an annual community education campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT), acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide. They help families build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety. They want all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.

This year, Child Safety Week runs from Monday 7th to Sunday 13th June with the theme **Share because you care.**

There are a new of free resources available on the [Child Safety Week page on the CAPT website](#) including: [Fact sheets](#), [Session cards](#), [Displays](#), [Child Safety Week poster](#) and ['We support Child Safety Week' logo](#).

For more information visit the CAPT website at: <https://www.capt.org.uk/>

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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