

EARLY YEARS BULLETIN



JULY 2019 UPDATE

We hope you might find a few moments to read this bulletin to help keep you up to date with what is happening locally and nationally. This bulletin is for early years providers, schools, childminders and anyone else interested in the early years and is designed to be read online.



Local News



This year's early years conference is on Thursday 7th November at The Kassam stadium. Speakers include:
Greg Bottrill – Author of Can I go and Play Now
Jen Lexmond - Founder of Easy Peasy
Kate Shelley - Founder of Tales Toolkit
Tamsin Grimmer – Author of School Readiness and the Characteristics of Effective Learning
Elizabeth Jarman – Creating optimum conditions and positive learning spaces

Book your place now through Step into Training Code: [EY651](#)
We look forward to seeing you there.

Oxfordshire County Council Music Service

Stringbabies and now Recorderbabies tuition is available to EYFS settings – contact the Music Service to discuss tailoring this to your settings needs.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service>

Oxfordshire Early Education meetings

[Early Education](#), founded in 1923, continues to remain committed to supporting all those working in early childhood education to ensure effective and high-quality early childhood education experiences for all children across the United Kingdom. Find free resources on their website and information on their local inspiration meetings on their Facebook page.

Future local meetings include: **Wednesday 9th October 2019** Supporting Children's Language Development using evidence-based language approaches and **Thursday 21st November 2019** Sustained Shared Thinking and Emotional Well-being – Why it matters and how to promote it with Professor Iram Siraj. These 2 meetings will be held at The Slade Nursery School, Headington with networking and light refreshments from 6.00pm and the talk beginning at 6.30. It costs £10 Members, £12 for full-time students; £15 non-members. Check if your school or setting has a membership.

[Please note bookings are now done electronically.](#)

To register a place please visit: <https://www.early-education.org.uk/branch-events>

Early Education
The British Association for Early Childhood Education

Outstanding Register

Oxfordshire County Council's vision is for schools, settings and childminders to work together, learning from each other, so that early education in Oxfordshire is of a high quality, and continually improves. Our aim is for all practitioners to develop the experience and expertise to meet challenges confidently and to recognise what good practice and provision looks like. The Outstanding Register has been developed to address this. Find out more [here](#)

Changes to the Postcard and communication pathway from Health Visitors

When a health review at two years old has been carried out the HV sends a postcard of the review outcomes if there are concerns about developmental, emotional, or social skills. **If the health visitor has no concerns practitioners will not be notified of the health review.** Information from the review will continue to be recorded in the child's red book which you can request from parents. If you have concerns about a child and would like to liaise with the Health Visitor, contact details can be found [here](#).

SEND

If you work with children who have [Down Syndrome](#) then don't forget to look at the dedicated pages on the [SEN Toolkit](#) for lots of information, ideas and resources. Also keep an eye out for new information about working with children with autism which will be added to the SEN webpages soon.



Ofsted

Ofsted have launched their new education inspection framework which comes into effect in September 2019. Find the [school](#) and [early years](#) handbooks plus [Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills](#) on the Ofsted website.

There will be an increased focus on curriculum, behaviour and development. Read the press release from Ofsted [here](#).

Amanda Spielman spoke to the National Governance Association about [what the new framework means for school governors](#) and Gill Jones and Wendy Ratcliff discussed what the changes mean in practice for early years providers in this [webinar](#). Ofsted also have [webinar channel](#) where you can find recordings of past webinar sessions.

National News

Hungry Little Minds - a new three-year campaign

The Department for Education has launched [Hungry Little Minds](#) to encourage parents to engage in activities that support their child's early learning and help set them up for school and beyond.

[Read the full press release](#)

[Download the Campaign toolkit](#)

Education Secretary plans to prevent the most vulnerable children missing out on school

The [Education Secretary has announced new plans](#) to help support the most disadvantaged children in England. New measures include: changing the schools



admission code to ensure vulnerable children, including those fleeing domestic abuse, can access school places quickly; better information sharing between councils and schools; and tackling off-rolling, absences and exclusions in schools.

Young carers

[NHS England](#) has released details about a package of services which GP practices in England can adopt to help young carers in their community. Measures outlined include: keeping an up-to-date carers register, offering carers a regular health check and anxiety and mental health screening, and setting up systems to track patterns of appointments in young people coming to the surgery with an adult, to proactively try to identify young carers.

Happy 50th Birthday to the Very Hungry Caterpillar

After 50 years this much loved story is still going strong in 62 languages! You can watch [Eric Carle talk](#) about where he got the idea from and why he thinks it has continued to appeal to children and adults alike. We would love to see what you have been doing to celebrate! Please email us any photos with permission to use on our Facebook page.



Safeguarding

Please ensure all your staff are familiar with the role of the [LCSS](#) and the [LADO](#). These are two very important services offered in Oxfordshire that serve two very different functions.

Changes to OSCB

OSCB's Independent Chair, Richard Simpson explains about the changes to the OSCB [here](#). Look out for more updates in future OSCB bulletins.

Single and Multiagency Chronologies

Children and young people are most effectively safeguarded if professionals work together and share information. Findings from numerous Serious Case Reviews have concluded that a chronology could have supported the earlier identification of risks to the child(ren). You can find out more about chronologies in this [guide](#).

Recruiting from Abroad

A reminder that anyone who has lived or worked abroad must have undergone the necessary pre-employment checks. The DfE have worked with [UK National Recognition Information Centre \(UK NARIC\)](#) to develop a bespoke Early Years Service for people with an overseas qualification. The government has produced guidance on how to obtain an overseas police check and you can download it here: [Overseas Criminal Record Checks - gov.uk](#) plus home office documents [An employer's guide to acceptable right to work](#). [PRADO](#) is a website created by the EU to help identify genuine documents with examples from across the world.

PREVENT

Are all your staff confident in understanding [The Prevent Duty](#) and how this applies in early years? Would they know what to do if they were worried a child was being radicalised? Please ensure that you keep this high on the agenda at your staff meetings and staff training. Resources to support you with this can be found on our free [Early Years Toolkit](#) under the Prevent section.

NEW - Teaching online safety in school (DfE, June 2019)

The government has published [Teaching online safety in school](#). The guidance emphasises the importance of teaching that is always age and developmentally appropriate. The guidance is non-statutory and applies to all local authority maintained schools, academies and free schools. The advice may also be helpful to nurseries and FE colleges.

Private Fostering

If you become aware that anyone is privately fostering a child, you must inform the local authority. You can find out more [here](#).

Free training on FGM for Early Years Workers

Are you ready to support families with girls at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM)? Do you know which countries families from FGM-affected communities originate from? Do you know what to do/ask if you are worried about a girl going on a long holiday to an FGM-practicing country? Are you ready to answer questions by Ofsted inspectors?

Girls aged 0-5 are in the highest risk age bracket for FGM. Oxford Against Cutting offers sensitive, high quality training that is delivered by facilitators from affected communities. The charity's anti-FGM safeguarding training is 60-90 minutes and currently **free of charge** (subject to availability). Book your session by contacting: info@oxfordagainstcutting.org Many girls are at highest risk during the long summer break when it is "cutting season" in some communities. Please ensure you have the [charity's helplines posters](#) in your staff room.

Military families

The NSPCC has published a new episode of its child protection podcast. This episode looks at the work the NSPCC does to support military families.
[NSPCC Learning: Podcast: military families](#)

Child protection in sport

The NSPCC [Child Protection in Sport Unit](#) (CPSU) has launched the Sports Parents Promise which outlines how parents can ensure their child has a safe and enjoyable experience of sport.

Health and Wellbeing

Paediatric First Aid (PFA)

Whether you work in a school, setting or as a childminder it is an [EYFS statutory requirement](#) that at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are

present, and must accompany children on outings. The certificate must be for a full course consistent with the criteria set out in Annex A (of the EYFS). Childminders, and any assistant who might be in sole charge of the children for any period of time, must hold a full current PFA certificate. PFA training must be renewed every three years and be relevant for workers caring for young children and where relevant, babies.

Healthy Lunch Box and snacks

Early Years providers aim to promote a healthy lifestyle for children, but it can sometimes be challenging regarding food that comes in from home for snacks and lunchboxes. We need to be mindful that there may be many reasons for families sending in the food they do e.g. time pressures for busy parents, peer/media pressure for certain products, what the local shop offers, families in receipt of food bank packs, family priorities, etc. For more information and top tips for parents visit the [Health visiting team webpage](#).

Free Dental Health Training for staff

Have the children you care for brushed their teeth this morning? Visited the dentist? Ate a packed lunch containing too much sugar?



FREE Oral Health Training
for all Professionals working within
Early Years
(Nurseries, pre-schools, primary schools)



TRAINING
A FREE 90 minute, interactive and informative, training session which counts towards the CPD of you and your staff.

Healthy Smiles
Get involved with an accreditation scheme designed to make your setting more tooth friendly!

RESOURCES
Resources can be borrowed for FREE, for up to 2/3 weeks. Role play, books and lots of activities available.

To book training or to borrow resources please contact us;
Email: ohimp.oxfordshire@cds-cic.nhs.uk
or call 01869 238335

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Training

This academic year the Early Years team, through Step into Training have trained, delivered conferences and briefings for over 2000 early years delegates. We are busy putting together our training offer for next year and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Don't forget to check when staff need to update their **generalist and designated lead safeguarding training for Early Years practitioners** and book via the [OSCB training portal](#). Dates now available for the autumn term across the county.

Very best wishes for a great Summer
The Early Years Team

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