



EYQI Updates

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Recruitment event 2023



Thank you to all who attended the Early Years recruitment event last week we had a lovely day and 3 people expressed an interest in the positions available.

Upcoming Training from the EYHUB

Please see the CPD schedule for further details

[EYHub CPD Schedule 2023-24 \(sthelens.gov.uk\)](http://sthelens.gov.uk)

Tuesday 21st November Helicopter Stories online training 10-11:30

Tuesday 21st November Reception Class Moderation – 1- 4pm

Tuesday 28th November Setting up 2 year old provision in schools

Thursday 7th December Schools Early Years Network 3:45 – 5:15



Information for schools

The Schools Early Years Network Meeting on 15th November has been moved to Thursday 7th December. We are still looking for a school to host this session so please get in touch with Chris Dixon christinedixon@sthelens.gov.uk if you are able to hold the meeting in your school. The meeting will need to be cancelled if we do not have a venue.

Information for Reception Class teachers

Please can Reception Class teachers make sure they are booked on to the moderation session on Tuesday 21st November. We will be looking at changes to the profile handbook for this year, data, as well as tracking progress in maths and writing.



Helicopter Stories

If you are not yet part of the Helicopter Stories or Tales Toolkit language and literacy programmes, there are still places left to start Helicopter Stories in January 2024. Please contact the EYHUB if you would like more details or would like to register your interest.

A reminder to the current cohort to watch the first 17 training videos before our next session on **21st November** (although please still come if you haven't been able to get through them yet.)

New page on Foundation Years website: EYFS Profile

The Department for Education has launched a [new page](#) on the [Foundation Years website](#) to provide teachers with support to complete the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Profile. This will be updated regularly throughout the 2023/24 academic year. Each update will cover a new area of the EYFS Profile, focusing on topics the sector has asked for more information on. The first update provides information on how to complete the EYFS Profile for children with special educational needs and disabilities, and includes case studies and key information from the EYFS [Profile 2024 handbook](#).



Do you have babies in your nursery?

Do families share their concerns and say that they struggle with the baby?

If you want to help them come to the BABS Launch to learn about the Service for families with babies!

BABS Service Launch Open Afternoon

Wednesday 6th December 2023

1.00pm - 4.00pm

(Light lunch will be served from 12.30pm.)

Sutton Family Hub

Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 3PX

All practitioners and managers are invited to attend the launch of St Helens Building Attachment and Bonds Service (BABS). There will be an opportunity to hear from the BABS team about their exciting new service and what difference it can make to St Helens children and families.

Following the BABS presentation there will be a tour of the Family Hub and a chance to hear about the wider service offer.

Please contact childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk to confirm your attendance.

We ask that attendees try and coordinate travel arrangements as there is limited parking at Sutton Family Hub. Please car share, walk or cycle - where you can!

Please read the leaflet attached to learn more about the service.



Liverpool City Region and Beyond **Early Years Stronger Practice Hub**
Early Years Network Event on **Tuesday 12th December 4p.m. to 5.30p.m.**
At the Mercure, Hotel in St. Helen's, WA10 1NG.

If you are a childminder, work in an early years private and voluntary setting, nursery class in a primary school/academy or nursery school come and find out about the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub for St. Helen's..

At this early years network event, hear about early years information from the Department for Education, Education Endowment Foundation regarding Communication and Language and early reading. Also, hear about Early Childhood Education for Sustainability with links to communication and language and early reading. Reference will be made to:

Sustainability Matters in Early Childhood (on GOV website) [sustainability-matters-in-early-childhood-resource.pdf \(ncfe.org.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444444/sustainability-matters-in-early-childhood-resource.pdf)

PLACES ARE LIMITED. We will have a Free Book Raffle as well as Free tea/coffee/biscuits. To book a place please email: SphHubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk
We will email you back to confirm your place.

We looking forward to networking with St. Helen's colleagues.

If you haven't already please register to access our network information:

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

Three Boroughs Infection Prevention and Control Team (A flyer attached)


We are open 9-5 Monday to Friday (except bank holidays)

You can contact the team on any of these

01925 946 976

bchft.3boroughsinfectioncontrol@nhs.net


WHAT IS MEASLES?



Measles cases in young people have increased in the UK this year.

Measles is a disease that is caused by a virus, and it is easily passed on from one person to another through coughs & sneezes. If you come into contact with someone who has measles when they are infectious it is very likely that you will become sick unless you have already been vaccinated / had a measles infection.


This leaflet explains how you can protect yourself and your family.



Measles can make you feel miserable with a fever, runny / blocked nose, sneezing, cough, red, sore, watery eyes, and red/dark spots (depending on your skin colour). The spots appear a few days after cold-like symptoms, start on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Measles can be unpleasant, but most people will recover in 7-10 days without experiencing further health problems.

Occasionally measles can lead to serious problems such as pneumonia, meningitis, blindness, and seizures (fits). Since 2022, measles cases have been increasing globally and in the UK. Most cases of measles in the UK since the start of this year were reported in London but several cases have also been reported in the Northwest of England.

More information about the symptoms of measles can be found on NHS website
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>




How can I protect myself and my family?

2 doses of MMR vaccine provides the best protection against infection with Measles, Mumps & Rubella.

In England all babies and children are offered the vaccine for free at 12 months and again at 3 years and 4 months old. The MMR vaccine works to prevent you and your family from getting measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

Measles vaccination has saved an estimated 17.1 million lives worldwide since 2000 (WHO). Over the past 40 years over 500 million doses of MMR vaccine have been given in over 100 countries. So, we know that the vaccine is really safe. Protect yourself and your family with the MMR vaccine.



How do I know if my child / other family members have been vaccinated?

If you are unsure if you / your child is up to date with their vaccines including MMR the easiest way is to look at your child's red book or to check with their G.P. / health visitor. This is particularly important before you travel to countries where measles may be circulating.

If you are going to be mixing with large groups of people e.g., attending festivals / starting university this is a good time to check that you are fully vaccinated.

If you are a healthcare worker, it is also important that you check to make sure that you have had 2 doses of MMR / have had a previous infection and if not contact your G.P. to arrange vaccination.



Has your child had their vaccine?
 Check their red book and speak to your GP or health visitor if they are due.

ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL



Dear All,

Last week, I had confirmation that the Crime Reduction Fund had accepted my proposal to fund the ELKLAN early years training for schools, settings and childminders in St Helens.

If you have not heard about his amazing training please look at the link below, we are looking for funding for online training with accreditation. To date I have not been told how many licences I will be able to get, I know that more than I have indicated from the previous survey.

<https://www.elklan.co.uk/>



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24 providers have previously replied (I still have those responses), if you have not expressed your interest before or you are not sure if somebody from your setting applied, please use this short survey to let me know that you are interested:

<https://forms.office.com/e/MdB4KvC5TZ>

Can I ask for the responses to be submitted by **Monday 20th November 2023.**

Best wishes

Lidia

DfE Early years Childminder Mentor Programme

What is it?

It is now four years since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Research has shown the impact on children, particularly the youngest and most disadvantaged children, has been far reaching and will potentially be long term.

Areas of development impacted include:

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Communication and language
- Physical development



The Department for Education has recognised the impact and is offering a childminder mentor programme to childminders across England to support them to narrow the gap between disadvantaged children and others. This is part of the Government's Early Years COVID-19 Recovery Programme.

What support will I get?

The support is free for one term. It is tailored to your needs which may include:

- Improving confidence in or knowledge of child development
- Planning an effective curriculum
- Supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- Supporting children with English as an additional language (EAL)
- Building strong relationships with parents and carers

It does not provide support with complying with the EYFS Safeguarding and Welfare requirements.

You can apply on your own or with a group of other childminders.

Who will be supporting me?

Support and advice will be provided by mentors who have at least three years' experience in the childminder sector. You will also have an opportunity to network with other childminders in your area who are part of the programme.

Support is free and will be mainly virtual. If suitable, there will be an option to meet face-to-face.

How do I apply?

Applications are open now for the Spring 2024 term. Please use this [link](#) to complete the short application form, it will only take a few minutes to complete.

Want to know more?

Watch this clip of a childminder and mentor sharing their experience of being part of the programme.

<https://youtu.be/HmgOCov-3sA>

Email: lidiawolos@sthelens.gov.uk

28th November 2023



Christmas Opening

The Early Years Hub is planning the opening hours during the school holidays 27 – 29 December 2023.

Could you please let us know if you're staying open?

Please complete this 10 sec survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/499HxjXapa>

PVI MS Teams Forum for private nurseries and childminders:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a296c4d2f7039446a9e0aa281bd40e55a%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=4f2a06e5-0991-4575-be27-b6cc16d97f34&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

Schools MS Teams Forum

<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3a2589ee5f1bd043fdbb67bec3cd7d3b1c%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=9e33e316-91dc-4469-94d4-36a4da88746a&tenantId=ef41c22b-1a60-4d86-a8bd-5d3a95f8abab>

