



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 12.5.2025

Upcoming training

06.05.25, 13.05.25 & 20.05.25 - **How to Support Children with Neurodevelopmental Difficulties and Developmental Delay Within Early Years**
6:00pm-8:00pm All three sessions must be attended)

20th and 21st May 2025 – **PEEP training** This comprehensive 2-day training will provide you with online access to the Peep Learning Together Programme, designed to enhance young children's outcomes and narrow the gap in educational attainment by working closely with parents.

3rd June 2025- **EYFS Building Blocks for Reading. Foundation Phonics - Board Room 2, Forster House, Waterside, St Helens, WA9 1UB** - This takes place over 2 sessions: Tuesday 3rd & 24th June 9:30am - 12:30pm

10th June- Hub Day- **Nurseries-** Join the team for updates and networking with colleagues, Venue: Alex Suite, The Living Well, Willowbrook 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM LOCATION Living Well, Willow Brook, Borough Road, St Helens, WA10 3RN [A\) EYHUB Network Meeting for Nursery 2024 Tickets, Living Well, Willow Brook, St Helens | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

Schools- Tuesday 10 June 2025 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM **Venue:** Alex Suite, The Living Well, Willowbrook, **LOCATION** Living Well, Willow Brook, Borough Road, St Helens, WA10 3RN [A\) EYHUB Network Meeting for Schools 2024 Tickets, Willow Brook, Living Well, St Helens | TryBooking United Kingdom](#)

18th June- Wraparound network event. **Out of School Club Network - Network meeting for all staff working within a breakfast and/ or Afterschool club setting. Agenda-** Recruitment, Online Safety and Play Matters, 9:30am - 11:00am at Sutton Family Hub

Use the link to book your place- (Limited availability) <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DTEH>

[Inclusion toolkit and SEND resources](#)

New! [Inclusion and SEND resources for wraparound providers and schools](#)

Childcare Works and NASEN have developed a series of recorded bitesize training sessions to promote inclusive provision and to meet the needs of children with SEND. These resources have been developed in response to requests from LAs as our provider forums. Please share them with your providers!

[Inclusive Practice in Wraparound Provision](#) and [Creating Inclusive Provision Toolkit](#)

[DFE Consultation - Space requirements in early years childcare settings in England](#)

On 12 May, the government launched its "space requirements in early years childcare settings" consultation, which runs until 11 July and is available at: www.gov.uk/government/consultations/space-requirements-in-early-years-childcare-settings-in-england. The consultation is seeking views on whether to introduce flexibility into the EYFS that will allow free-flow outdoor space to be included in the indoor space requirements, with a possible

cap on the number of additional places that can be offered. The government is also seeking feedback on the proposed definition of "free-flow".

This consultation has been launched because early years providers expressed a desire for these rules to be updated. To meet forecasted demands for the expanded entitlements, we estimate an additional 60,000 new places are required between September 2024 and September 2025, and one of the barriers to expanding childcare is physical space. In the department's [Pulse surveys of childcare and early years providers, November 2023](#), 70% of providers who responded said they would make better use of their outdoor space if more flexibility was introduced.

Climate action plans for a sustainable future

The Department for Education expects all education settings to have a climate action plan by 2025. For free help to develop and progress your climate action plan, register for interactive workshops throughout May.

We will guide you to identify key actions, engage colleagues, and access support to integrate sustainability into school life. There are Early Years specials starting next week, [book here now](#) to secure a place

Oral Health in the EYFS

The Government has announced £11 million of funding for a Supervised toothbrushing programme targeting the most deprived areas of England to help prevent tooth decay in children.

This fully funded and voluntary scheme for targeted early years settings forms part of The Government's commitment to give children the best start in life. It also supports good toothbrushing habits at home.

[Help for early years providers : Oral health](#)

Smile Squad



We are thrilled to announce an upcoming event that promises to be both fun and beneficial for our community – the Smile Squad. This initiative is a collaborative effort between St Helens Family Hubs, the University of Liverpool, School of Dentistry, and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP), aimed at promoting early years oral health care.

Event Details:

- Date: Wednesday 4th June 2025
- Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Location: Central Link Family Hub, Westfield Street (off Peter Street), St Helens WA10 1QF




What will the Smile Squad team do? A Smile Squad team member will conduct a brief oral health check for each child. This check will not replace the usual dental check-up, but it will help identify if further assessment is needed. We can also assist families who do not currently have a dentist. Our goal is to help ease children's dental anxiety and ensure they receive the care they need.

Additional Activities:

- Tips and tricks for maintaining healthy teeth and gums, provided by the Smile Squad team and St Helens Wellbeing Service (CHCP).
- Free samples of toothpaste and toothbrushes.
- Meet and greet with Croc-o-Smile and Captain Tuck, our friendly mascots.

Why are we doing this? Healthy teeth are essential for a child's well-being and development. Tooth decay and sore teeth are preventable, and we understand that accessing dental care can be challenging for some families. This event aims to bridge that gap and provide valuable resources and support.

Contact Information:

-  Email: childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk
-  Call: 01744 673420
-  Text: 07761 045427

Safeguarding Alert: Smart Glasses

Did you know that Smart Glasses can film and record?

It's important to be aware of the capabilities of Smart Glasses, as they can discreetly capture video and audio. Review Your Policies. Ensure your Mobile Phone and Electronic Device Use Policy includes guidelines for mobile phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices that can film or record.

Action Steps

- Review and Update Policies: Check your current policies around the use of technology.
- Implement Procedures: Establish clear procedures for managing the use of such devices within your setting.
- Inform Visitors: Make sure these procedures are communicated to visitors.

Real-World Example

There was an incident (not locally) where a nursery discovered that a potential parent was filming their tour using Smart Glasses. This highlights the need for vigilance and clear policies.

Stay informed and ensure your safeguarding measures are up to date!

CHILDMINDER CONFERENCES

**Saturday 7th June 2025 at The Lake House Cambridge Road, Waterloo,
Liverpool L22 1RR, 9.30a.m. to 1.30p.m.**

Our Theme for the conference is: Interactive Literacy '**Bringing Stories to life**' with Denise Wright, Early Years Consultant.

Limited Spaces please Email sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

**Saturday 16th August 2025 at The Lake House Cambridge Road, Waterloo,
Liverpool L22 1RR, 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.**

Our Theme for the conference is: **Intergenerational sustainability and early numeracy** with Dr. Diane Boyd, Independent Consultant.

Diane will share examples of how young children under five explore early numeracy linked to Intergenerational sustainability.

Limited Spaces please Email sphubnw@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk if you would like to attend

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>