



EYQI Updates

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Week beginning 23.6.2025



★ The 30th of June 2025 is the deadline for the EYFS P data. ★

Upcoming training

Friday 27th June 2025 9.30am-12.30pm Baby Quality Improvement Network (Final session)

Friday 27th June 2025 2pm-3pm Manual Handling in Early Years Training, Sutton Family Hub.

Thursday 3rd July 2025 2pm-3pm Safeguarding Leads Network (Microsoft Teams)

Friday 11th July 2025 9.30am-4pm New to the EYFS in School, a training day for teachers, Sutton Family Hub.

EYFS 2025 changes 'Safeguarding reforms' briefing sessions- attendance at one session only, no need to book just use the links below to join the session.

Wednesday 2nd July 2025 6.30pm-7.30pm

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Thursday 3rd July 2025 10am-11am

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Thursday 3rd July 2025 3.45pm-4.45pm

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Liverpool City Region and Beyond Stronger Practice Hub are offering an Interactive Reading Workshop on:

Monday 30th June. 9:30am - 12

Venue - Sutton Family Hub. Ellamsbridge Road. WA9 3PY

This workshop is open to all educators working in Early Years settings.

Course aims and outcomes:

Research shows that one of the most powerful ways of developing early communication and language is through interactive reading. Interactive reading offers a wealth of benefits for children's communication and language development, cognitive skills, early literacy outcomes and relationships with adults.

Through this course, educators will gain a greater understanding of how to support children's communication and language development through interactive reading.

They will learn about the prompts which can be used during an interactive reading session and how to implement this approach in their setting. with Alex Gower-Jones - Independent Consultant

Please contact sphubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk to reserve your funded place



Tiny Happy People is now part of BBC CBeebies Parenting:

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#) has a new home in '[CBeebies Parenting](#)' which is a brand extension of BBC CBeebies, aimed at parents and caregivers of children aged 0-6.

'**CBeebies Parenting**' builds on the great resources from Tiny Happy People and is a one-stop-shop offering support, advice and resources to parents and caregivers at all stages of their early parenting journey.

The web experience on Tiny Happy People remains the same, aside from the new 'CBeebies Parenting' branding and **will continue to share evidence-based advice and create content with experts** working in the fields of health, education, speech, language & communication.

Anyone using and sharing Tiny Happy People within their workplace will still be able to access all resources as usual.

Existing URLs, QR codes and any links to the original website will remain the same.

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

CBeebies Parenting Press Release:

[CBeebies Parenting launches as BBC Children's first dedicated parenting community](#)

Web links:

[BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

[‘CBeebies Parenting’](#)

NEW CONTENT: How to connect with your child's way of communicating

Check out new content on the website supporting parents / caregivers with tips and advice on how to connect to the different ways children communicate.

[Tiny Happy People - Tips and advice for children's speech and language](#)

Brand New Podcast - ‘Parenting Helpline’:

The launch of CBeebies Parenting kicks off with a brand-new podcast titled ‘Parenting Helpline’ hosted by celebrity mums Holly Hagan-Blyth and Charlie Hedges. The podcast gives parents the chance to ask their burning questions and get help with their parenting dilemmas from a new expert each week, including advice from Dr Ranj Singh, Dr Martha Deiros Collado, Dr Lynsey Hookway and many more, covering everything from birth and pregnancy, fussy eating and difficult night-times through to money worries and parental relationships.

Parenting Helpline is now available on BBC Sounds or wherever you get your podcasts:

[BBC Sounds - CBeebies Parenting Helpline - Available Episodes](#)



FSA updates advice on risk to children of glycerol in slush ice drinks

*‘In the warm weather, children may be more likely to consume slush ice drinks containing glycerol, so it’s important that parents and carers are aware of the risks. As a precaution, the FSA is recommending that children under seven do not consume slush ice drinks containing glycerol’- **Professor Susan Jebb, FSA Chair***

The FSA Board asked for this to be clearly communicated to parents and carers and directed officials to develop a ‘greatly enhanced voluntary approach’ for industry to help manage glycerol intake in young children over the longer-term.

Here is the link to the news item [FSA updates advice on risk to children of glycerol in slush ice drinks | Food Standards Agency](#)

Unnecessary temporary exclusion of recently vaccinated children

DfE and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have become aware that some early education settings are temporarily excluding children who have recently been vaccinated, even if they feel well enough to attend. UKHSA has asked DfE to circulate a message from its Director of Public

Health Programmes – Dr Mary Ramsay – explaining why such policies are unnecessary and can have serious unintended consequences for children and the early years settings they attend.

Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs

Are you aware of your regional Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs?

The Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs programme launched in November 2022 and is supported by the [Education Endowment Foundation](#) (EEF) and the [National Children's Bureau](#) (NCB) and is funded to March 2026.

As a reminder there are 18 Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs (two in each of the [government office regions](#)). The Hubs provide funded support, advice, and resources to improve quality in early years settings by sharing good practice and offering evidence-informed professional development for early years educators. Their collaboration with local authorities is key to their success, ensuring a joined-up approach, shared knowledge and providing good value for money.

Each Hub is made up of a partnership of up to 5 Early Years providers (school-based, private, voluntary, or independent and childminders) ensuring that they are reflecting the diversity of the sector, led by one of the group-based providers, they support settings to adopt well-evidenced practice improvements.

Visit [here](#) to find out more and to get in touch with your local hubs

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) space requirements consultation open


On 12 May, the government launched its “space requirements in early years childcare settings” consultation, which runs until 11 July and is available at: [Space requirements in early years childcare settings in England - GOV.UK](#) 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.

Summer HAF

🌻 Plan Your Summer in St Helens! 🌻

A Free Drop-In Event for Parents, Carers and Young People – Including HAF and Short Breaks

 **Date:** Thursday 3rd July

 **Time:** 4pm – 7pm

 **Venue:** Saints – Totally Wicked Stadium

Looking for **Holiday Activities**, **Short Breaks**, or **free food and fun** this summer?

Come along to *Plan Your Summer* and find out what's on for children and young people across St Helens.

☒ Meet providers offering **HAF – Holiday Activities and Food** (free for eligible children)

☒ Find out about **Short Breaks** for children and young people with additional needs

☒ Discover clubs, activities and support available throughout the summer holidays

☒ Ask questions, collect leaflets, and plan your family's summer

No need to book – just drop in!

Free refreshments available.

Everyone welcome – families, carers, and young people of all ages.

 For more information, contact: elizabethbarr-jones@sthelens.gov.uk

Let's get summer sorted! 🌸

[Webinar for schools - DfE National Wraparound Childcare Programme](#)

On **Thursday 3 July 10:00 – 11:00** the department is hosting a **webinar for schools** to learn more the **National Wraparound Childcare Programme**.

Primary schools will have the chance to hear from schools on their experiences of delivering wraparound care and ask our expert panellists any questions that you have. Schools also have the opportunity to pre-submit questions when they sign up.

[Webinar for Schools - DfE National Wraparound Childcare Programme Tickets, Thu 3 Jul 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

It would be great if you could promote the webinar to all of the schools in your area, especially those that you feel are less engaged who could benefit from learning more about the programme. You can access some easy copy and paste promo lines here: [DfE National Wraparound Childcare Webinar 03.07 - Promotional lines.docx](#)



[Protective Preparedness for Education Settings Webinar](#)

The Department for Education (DfE) in partnership with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) invite you to the 'Protective Preparedness For Education Settings' a webinar focussed on counter terrorism protective security and preparedness for education settings.

The DfE's 'Counter Terrorism Protect & Prepare Team' will provide you with an overview and update on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 commonly known as, 'Martyn's Law', and its implications for the education sector. You can find more information about Martyn's Law by visiting - [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

NaCTSO will also provide a briefing on how to consider counter terrorism protection and preparedness across education settings. You can find out more about scalable counter terrorism preparedness by visiting [ProtectUK | Home](https://www.protectuk.gov.uk)

If you would like to learn more about how you can protect your education setting, staff and learners from terrorism, please click the links below where you can sign up and access further details.

[Tuesday 15th July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

[Wednesday 16th July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

[Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

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>