



EYQI Updates

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Upcoming training announcements

To book onto the training below please use this link unless individual link provided

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FDJU>

Keep in Touch – Friday 20th March 2026 10am-12pm to book your place please click the link below:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FSSW>

Early Years SENCO Network- Tuesday 24th March 2026 10:00am – 12:00noon

Designated Safeguarding Lead training for Childminders- Session 1: Wednesday 1 st April 2026 & Session 2: Wednesday 8th April 2026 6:30pm – 8:00pm (Both sessions to be attended).

Leadership and governance - Workshop. Understanding Ofsted's Early Years inspection toolkit (Group-based providers)- Two sessions available on the day, (this is a repetition of the same session) Thursday 16th April 2026 10:15 – 11:15am and 1:15 – 2:15pm

EYFS Stronger Practice Hub Online Event for Childminders, Settings and EYFS in Schools

Food growing and Sustainability – improving our skills in order to ensure best practice in implementing the New EYFS Nutritional guidance.

Wednesday 18th March 6.30-8p.m. with Lil Newton (Early Years Consultant and previous Nursery Headteacher) online on Zoom Workplace.

A lack of nutritious food affects a child's physical health, emotional well-being as well as cognitive and social development. A recent report from the Food Foundation (October 2025) found that 1 in 4 children in Britain are living in food poverty.

This webinar will look at the requirements of the new EYFS nutritional guidance, current health research, soil and nutrient density. Lil will give many practical tips and ideas about how food growing and sustainability can enrich our curriculum, develop vocabulary, thinking skills, resilience and problem solving and support every child's health and well-being.

Email: SpHubNW@evertoncentre.liverpool.sch.uk to book a place.

Survey – CCTV and digital device usage in early years settings

In December 2025, the Secretary of State for education announced that she would appoint an expert panel to review how CCTV and digital devices are used in early years settings. The panel will provide recommendations to Government regarding whether CCTV should be mandated. It will also inform safeguarding guidance the Department will develop by setting out best practice, technical information and expectations regarding CCTV and digital device usage.

To assist with this work, we would be grateful if providers and early years staff could complete the attached survey by **20/03/2026**. The results of this survey and the views expressed will be considered by the panel during their review.

[CCTV and digital devices in early years settings – Fill in form](#)

[Form here](#)

Updated referral information

SEND Team (EXT)

Dear colleagues

We would like to inform you that the MWL Paediatric Continence Referral Form has recently been updated to make the referral process more robust and to ensure that all necessary information is provided at the point of referral.

From now on, please ensure that all referrals to the Paediatric Continence Service are submitted using the updated form attached. The revised form includes sections to evidence that appropriate Level 1 interventions have been implemented for daytime wetting, nocturnal enuresis and toilet training prior to referral to our service, which provides Level 2 support.

To help us triage referrals safely and efficiently, referrals that are submitted on an outdated form after 1st April 2026 or that do not include the required evidence of Level 1 interventions will be returned with a request to resubmit using the correct documentation.

We appreciate your cooperation in using the updated form and ensuring all required information is included. This will help us process referrals more efficiently and support timely care for children and young people who require specialist continence input.

For further information regarding our service, please refer to our internet page – link below:

[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust STHK | Community Services](#)

Early Years recruitment resources (Department of Education)

Vodcasts: strategies for recruiting and retaining early years staff

Looking to improve your recruitment and retention practices? The below expert-led vodcasts produced by Foundation Years, provide practical tips and advice to help you recruit and retain the best early years professionals.

[Watch now to gain insights on:](#)

- Effective recruitment strategies for early years settings
- How to retain and develop a strong, motivated team
- Overcoming common challenges in the sector

Share stories with me

This World Book Day we launched our latest resource for families: Share stories with me.

Designed for parents and carers of early years children, the booklet contains:

- Simple ways for families to look at books and share stories with babies and children
- Examples of things to chat about when looking at books and guidance on how to make up stories together
- Explanations to support parents to understand the importance of looking at books and sharing stories with their babies and children.

Download your free copy

- Practitioners can view the content on our website: <https://literacytrust.org.uk/share-stories>
 - You can share our digital version of the resource with the families you support, by sharing this webpage: wordsforlife.org.uk/share-stories
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