

Helpful Links for Early Years Settings (Childminders, PVI & Schools)

The links and information below have been collated to support early years providers to access helpful information to support the drive for quality improvement.

Safeguarding and Welfare:

<u>Consider</u>	<u>Links</u>
Consider if your setting has an Emergency Plan. Particularly if there are any concerns about having sufficient staffing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings - GOV.UK
Check that safeguarding policies reflect the new front door name and new contact details. (Formally First Response) Staffordshire Children Advice and Support (SCAS). This has been in place since Nov 2021.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact number: 0300 111 8007, option 1 for a concern about a child and then option 5 to talk to a LADO regarding an allegation. The emergency duty service (Out of hours number) 0345 604 2886.
PVI -Review your safeguarding policy to ensure it aligns with the SSCP safeguarding PVI policy. Make any changes necessary or adopt the SSCP policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Policy and Procedure Template for the Private and Voluntary Sector - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (staffsscp.org.uk) • Allegations of Abuse - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (staffsscp.org.uk)
Settings can sign up to a learning platform on the SSCP website and access safeguarding training, resources & newsletters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning Zone - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk) • Newsletter - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk) • Training & Free Resources - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk) • eLearning : Staffordshire-FREE-With-or-Without-Words---Listening-to-the-Voice-of-the-Child (event-booking.org.uk)
SSCP Child safeguarding practice review (CSPR). Use these to help upskill the staff team with key messages from the published CSPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)
Access the SSCP Guidance tab on a frequent basis and the latest information on rapid reviews and 7-minute briefings Safer recruitment guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk) • 7-Minute-Briefings - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk) • Safer Recruitment means Safer Children - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)
Early Help Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)
Threshold Framework -_document to help in the decision making of which referral route to take.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threshold Framework 2023 - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)
Information about bruising in babies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruising in Non-Mobile Babies and Children - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruising in Non-Mobile Babies & Children - Flow Chart - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (staffsscp.org.uk)
Safeguarding guidance - includes tools such as the safeguarding self-assessment tool and report writing points to consider around safeguarding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding Guidance for Early Years Settings - Staffordshire County Council.
Education Safeguarding Advice Service (ESAS) The education safeguarding advice service is for educational professionals to seek non urgent safeguarding advice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel: 01785 895836 • esas@staffordshire.gov.uk
Family Hub information EPDO district contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moorlands – Reggie Hodge reggie.hodge1@staffordshire.gov.uk • Newcastle – Mel Martin melissa.martin@staffordshire.gov.uk • Stafford – Karen Brophy karen.brophy@staffordshire.gov.uk • Cannock – Teresa Alcock teresa.alcock@staffordshire.gov.uk • Tamworth – Amanda Heaton amanda.heaton@staffordshire.gov.uk • East Staffs – Kay Bentley kay.bentley@staffordshire.gov.uk • Lichfield – Hayley Allman Hayley.allman@staffordshire.gov.uk • South Staffs - Kate Stewart kate.stewart@staffordshire.gov.uk
Grade Care Profile 2(GCP2) - an evidence-based assessment tool for measuring the quality of care provided by a parent/carers in meeting their child's needs. Supports GCP2 assessment training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Event List : Staffordshire SCP
SSCP has a range of training and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training & Free Resources - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Prevent Radicalisation and Extremism by Acting Early. Helpful webpage to aid understanding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACT Early Prevent radicalisation
Relevant documents:	
Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK
Working together to safeguard children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working together to safeguard children - GOV.UK
Safeguarding children and protecting professional in early years settings: online considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding children and protecting professionals in early years settings: online safety considerations - GOV.UK

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Think about how you review your security of your setting and the lockdown procedures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective security and preparedness for the education sector (publishing.service.gov.uk)
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Health and Safety:

Consider	Links
SSCP have a section on child safety campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safety Campaigns - Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
Food safety & choking information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Accident Prevention Trust (capt.org.uk) • Choking Hazards 2018 (staffsscb.org.uk) • choking-leaflet-northern-ireland.pdf • PowerPoint Presentation (staffsscb.org.uk) • How to stop a child from choking - NHS • Choking Baby - Paediatric & Baby First Aid St John Ambulance • Child Choking - Paediatric First Aid St John Ambulance (sia.org.uk) • Help for early years providers : Food safety • Food safety advice on choking hazards in settings - Foundation Years • Choking and gagging on food - Start for Life - NHS
Healthy eating and lifestyles- Early Years Information from the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service 0-19. Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Advice for parents and carers of children aged 1 to 4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Information from the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service 0-19 • Eating well early years — First Steps Nutrition Trust
ROSPA- this is a useful website to remain up to date with safety campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RoSPA – The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents - RoSPA
CAPT- this is a useful website to remain up to date with safety campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Accident Prevention Trust A safer world for all our children (capt.org.uk)
RIDDOR- this website help setting decide what to report and who can report and accident or injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIDDOR - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 - HSE
H&S executive-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSE: Information about health and safety at work

Leadership and Management:

Consider	Links
NPQ for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)- is a fully funded qualification available for providers (both public funded and PVI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Professional Qualification (NPQ): Early Years Leadership Framework (publishing.service.gov.uk)

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Experts and mentors programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years experts and mentors programme - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
PVI-Recruitment and retention toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Market Development and Sufficiency - Staffordshire County Council
Checking qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check early years qualifications - GOV.UK
SENDIASS Special needs and disabilities family partnership services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SENDIASS SEND IASS - Staffordshire Family Partnership (staffs-iass.org)
Gypsy Roma Traveller Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffordshire Connects Gypsy Roma Traveller Service • Caroline Escot - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Advisory Teacher • Telephone: 07815000481/ 01785 278646 / 01785 278682 • Email: caroline.escott@staffordshire.gov.uk
Staffordshire Early Years Practitioner Hub - Learning platform with information about all available events and courses for Early Years and Early Years SEND and Inclusion for practitioners working in Staffordshire early years settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffordshire Early Years - Learning Management System
Relevant documents	
Ofsted school inspection handbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School inspection handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Ofsted guidance for PVI & CM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years inspection handbook for Ofsted-registered provision - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Learning and Development:

Consider	Links
Guidance to provide support for early years practitioners when completing the early years foundation stage (EYFS) progress check at age 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress check at age 2 - GOV.UK • Integrated Reviews - the 2 year check - Staffordshire County Council
Dingley's promise - free inclusive practice programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dingley's Promise - Homepage - Dingley's Promise • Early Years Inclusion Programme - Dingley's Promise
Staffordshire Libraries and Arts Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookst • Summer Reading Challenge • Children Reading Well booklists Books Reading Well (reading-well.org.uk) • https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Libraries/join/ON35Join.aspx
Early communication - there are a number of different sites that support this. They include a range of useful tools and resources such as Time to Talk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech and Language Therapy Stoke Speaks Out United Kingdom • Children's language development and parenting advice - BBC Tiny Happy People

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<p>(Stoke Speaks Out) and Talk Boost (Speech and Language UK)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungry Little Minds - Hungry Little Minds (staffordshire.gov.uk) • Learning to talk 3 to 5 years - NHS • Chat, play, read interactive activity booklets Words for Life • Learning to talk 3 to 5 years - NHS (www.nhs.uk) • Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives • ICAN CHARITY • SLCN (staffordshire.gov.uk) • Early Outcomes Fund - Staffordshire County Council: • Video: Supporting children’s speech, language & communication development: A guide for the wider workforce • Visit the Staffordshire Communication, Speech and Language Journey website to find information on: Advice and tips for parents and practitioners of 0-4 year olds Information about typical speech and language development
<p>Quality interactions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ShREC approach – Four evidence informed strategies to... EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)
<p>EAL fact sheets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/
<p>Learning environments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Detectives - Activities and Resources - Woodland Trust • Outdoor Learning Resources For Schools - Woodland Trust • Resources - The Action Pack (recyclenow.com) • EYFS & KS1 Classroom Layout Design Service Early Excellence • Creating enabling environments PACEY
<p>Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) is an independent charity dedicated to breaking the link between family income and educational achievement. It publishes guidance reports and has resources which can support early years.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Endowment Foundation EEF • Preparing for Literacy EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk) • Improving Mathematics in the Early Years and Key Stage 1 EEF (educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk)
<p>Help for Early Years providers including the links to child development modules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help for early years providers - Department for Education
<p>National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home - NDNA
<p>Foundation Years</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Years - From pregnancy to children aged 5
<p>Relevant Documents</p>	

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Make sure you have the most up to date statutory and non- statutory guidance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK • Development Matters - GOV.UK • Birth To 5 Matters – Guidance by the sector, for the sector
The EYFS Profile Handbook is updated every year, ensure you use the most recent publication.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early years foundation stage profile handbook - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Schools - Reception Baseline Assessment framework (RBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception baseline assessment framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Guidance to provide support for early years practitioners when completing the early years foundation stage (EYFS) progress check at age 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress check at age 2 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
SEND Code of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
The Reading Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reading framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Business and Sufficiency:

Consider	Links
Early Education Funding (EEF) EEF support, FAQs & docs landing page:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Children-and-early-years/Childcare-providers-and-professionals/fundedplaces/Overview.aspx • www.staffordshire.gov.uk/eefsupport
Additional supplements (DAF, EYPP, Deprivation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Access Fund (DAF) - Staffordshire County Council • Overview - Staffordshire County Council
Providers who are eligible to receive funding must understand their responsibilities under this Provider Agreement. It is based on the current law and statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education (DfE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider-Agreement-2020-2021.pdf
This policy defines how providers can work with the Local Authority and other organisations to improve attendance and to promote the welfare of children in early education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.staffordshire.gov.uk/apolicy
Childcare Sufficiency Data. This is collated twice a year, in summer & autumn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare sufficiency - Staffordshire County Council
Government advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare Choices 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More Help with Costs GOV.UK
Free website advertising – Staffordshire Connects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free website advertising - Staffordshire County Council
Provider FAQ's for funded places	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider FAQs for funded places - Staffordshire County Council

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<p>Staffordshire District Profiles: - The Early Years District Profile information brings together a wide range of indicators for each district. <i>If you would like to request a copy of your own district profile, please use the email address and state your district.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email vicki.green@staffordshire.gov.uk
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Healthy Eating and Lifestyles:

<p>Healthy eating and lifestyles information linked to advice given by MPFT:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Years Information from the Families' Health and Wellbeing Service 0-19 • Eating well early years — First Steps Nutrition Trust Guidance for packed lunches and snacks • 1-4 v.03revised format.pdf (mpft.nhs.uk) Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Advice poster for parents and carers of children aged 1 to 4 years • Top tips HENRY top tips guidance Tips for happy family mealtimes HENRY • Eatwell guide 2016 FINAL MAR29 (publishing.service.gov.uk) eat well plate • African & Caribbean Eatwell Guide — The Diverse Nutrition Association- eat well plate • The African and Caribbean Eatwell Guide • MyNutriWeb Eat well guidance for African and Caribbean diet • The South Asian Eatwell Guide • MyNutriWeb Eatwell guidance for South Asian diet • Example menus for early years settings in England - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) 2 part guidance documents to support Early years settings providing meals for children. • Healthier Families - Home - NHS (www.nhs.uk)
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