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Don't let our Early Years Newsletter get stuck in your inbox? 🗨️

In every newsletter we share sector updates, videos and articles to support your team's professional development. Please help us reach as many 'on the ground' practitioners as possible. Keep spreading the word and sign all your EY team up by subscribing [here](#)

To help us respond to your general enquiries as quickly as possible please email early.years@halton.gov.uk rather than individual officers.

We always look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your continued support

Sarah

UPDATES

Department for Education Early Years Provider Roadshows for 2025

January 2025 sees the return of The Department for Education **Early Education and Childcare Provider Regional Roadshows** for group-based setting leaders and managers. These roadshows are your opportunity to find out more about current and future policy, delivery and strategy, including the Best Start in Life pillar of the Opportunity Mission and the expansion of childcare to all eligible working parents of children over the age of 9 months, and to share your views, ideas, best practice and the challenges that settings face.

The North West roadshow is on 8th July in Manchester. You can register your interest for the regional roadshows via the [register your interests form](#)

For queries, please contact ey.stakeholder@education.gov.uk

Headcounts

The Provider Portal is now closed for headcounts but is open to allow childcare providers to submit any adjustments for the Spring Term.

Closing date for adjustments is Friday 7th March

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Please can all settings complete the quarterly Escalation Data Microsoft Forms survey, for data 1st October 2024 – 31st December 2024) via this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/KiuLkS6uUt> by **31st January 2025** so that data can be submitted to HSCP.



Child safeguarding incidents

NSPCC Learning has published a CASPAR briefing summarising the recent Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's annual

report, which looked at the child safeguarding system in England, based on serious child safeguarding incidents occurring between April 2023 and March 2024. The CASPAR briefing summarises: the context and challenges in the safeguarding and child protection system; data from rapid reviews; spotlight themes and learning for practice; and plans for the Panel's future work.

Read the CASPAR briefing: [Summary of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel annual report 2023/24](#)

EARLY YEARS TRAINING

Spring Early Years Cluster

Have you booked your place on our Early Years spring Term Cluster? We have secured another fabulous guest speaker, Ben Kingston-Hughes, who will deliver a behaviour workshop in addition to his wonderful keynote speech. We need all Preschool and Reception Class practitioners to book on as there will be time during the day to meet within your individual cluster to focus on the needs of children in your area.

EARLY YEARS CLUSTER

For the Spring Term Early Years Clusters we are delighted to invite Halton's Pre-school and Reception class practitioners to join us and our guest speaker for a day of **inspiration**, **self-reflection** and **collaboration**

6th February 2025, 9.30-15.30, DCBL Stadium



Don't miss Ben Kingston-Hughes, an international keynote speaker, writer and multi award-winning trainer. Ben's blend of humour, neuroscience and real-life experiences will make his keynote speech and workshops an invaluable experience for those attending

Lunch and refreshments will be provided
Book early to avoid disappointment.

EARLY YEARS TRAINING

Shine THERAPY

Following the amazing feedback from our Autumn Early Years Cluster regarding Shine Therapy we are delighted to offer 2 interactive workshops focussing on children's sensory needs and behaviours. Thanks to DBV funding we invite all our Early Years providers and Reception class practitioners to book onto one of the sessions.

4th March 2025 - 9.00-12.00
OR
21st March 2025 - 9.00-12.00

EARLY YEARS TRAINING

The Hanen Centre™

Highly regarded training for FREE!
This training shows you how to use everyday conversations, play and daily routines to promote the communication and social development of all children, including those with language delays and those who are second language learners. You will learn how to identify children's conversational styles and the role you play in interactions.

Please ensure you are able to attend ALL the sessions to complete this training when booking

[Book Training Now!](#)

DIARY DATES

Data collection dates for Ready for Reception and WellComm



Spring Term – Friday 14th February 2025

Summer Term – Friday 27th June 2025

If you have any questions about data please contact our Early Years Data Analyst clare.rowlands@halton.gov.uk

DON'T MISS OUT!

Halton Libraries

Halton Libraries will be acting as a World Book Day token exchange hub this spring, The hub will be up and running from 13th Feb until the end of March and you can see the whole range of books available here: [2025s-1-books](#)

Some incredible titles this year and it's great that again families in Halton can come to a space to "buy" a book with their token without the added pressure to buy anything else. These titles are especially appropriate for little ones...



DID YOU KNOW...?



Have you seen the wealth of information, advice and resources that can be accessed through the Family Hubs App? Take a look now and share with parents/carers too.

SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS

Halton Fatherhood Conference

Thursday 13 February 2025

9.30am-4.30pm

Halton Stadium,
Lower House Lane,
Widnes WA8 7DZ

Stronger Together

Supporting Dads, Strengthening Halton

Join us at the Halton Fatherhood Conference

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HENRY Right From the Start

Monday 3rd February for 8 weeks

12.30 – 2.30pm

Warrington Road Family Hub

Creche available for this course

What is HENRY Right From the Start?

HENRY is an evidence-based programme for parents and carers of children aged 0-5 years. Sessions are facilitated by trained practitioners from Halton Health Improvement Team and Halton 0-19 Team.

How to book

Bookings for all HENRY programmes and workshops can be made via [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

For more information please contact HIT@halton.gov.uk

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