



## WELCOME

This week we welcome Jenna McNally to our Early Years Team. Jenna will join Jodie in the Safeguarding and Welfare Officer role and will be out and about to meet you all very soon.

We continue to sing our way through Nursery Rhyme November, don't forget to follow our song suggestions on our TALK Halton Facebook page and Halton Early Years Instagram. Share with your parents and **'Let's get all of Halton singing'** 🎵

Remember to send all your general enquiries to [early.years@halton.gov.uk](mailto:early.years@halton.gov.uk)

Many thanks

Sarah

## UPDATES

### EYFS Statutory Framework Update

Please be aware that the EYFS Statutory Framework was updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> November. For more information about the changes for Childminders please take a look at this short video



Please [click here](#) for the updated Parent Poster from Ofsted to display in your setting.



### Have your say

We are opening up consultations around current processes for top up funding and would welcome your feedback.

Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code to complete before **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Adjustments

#### Closing

The last date for the submission of any adjustments for the Autumn term is **Friday 29th November 2024**. Please submit any adjustments as soon as possible.

### Are you prepared for the Early Years expansion?

You may have noticed an increase in demand for places as more parents take up their funded early years entitlements. From September 2025 this will increase to 30 hours for eligible children from 9 months old. Childcare works is a government hub providing business planning support to providers, including finance matters and market analysis.

[Provider Business Planning Support - childcareworks.org.uk](https://childcareworks.org.uk)

Early Years Childcare Capital Grants will be running for a second round after Christmas. This grant funding is available to Schools and Early Years providers for Capital works to create childcare places in line with the childcare expansion. This is primarily aimed at creating places for 9 months - 2-year-olds and Wraparound care.

For more information, please contact [early.years@halton.gov.uk](mailto:early.years@halton.gov.uk)

### Applying for eligibility code

Please remind parents if they want to claim their funded hours from **January 2025** (all age ranges), it is advisable that they apply for their eligibility code **NOW** via [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

All new codes need to have a start date before **31<sup>st</sup> December 2024** to be valid in the Spring Term.

Also, please remind parents who already have codes that it is really important that they re-confirm on time otherwise the code end date will expire and the code will therefore be no longer valid.

As soon as parents give you their code, please validate it by running it through the Eligibility Checker on the Provider Portal and ensure the dates will still be valid in January.

## SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

### Safeguarding Resources

There is now a bank of safeguarding resources and information online at [Early Years Providers: EYFS Resources and downloads](#)

Here you will find the 2024 -2025 model Safeguarding and Low-Level policies for both group-based settings and childminders, as well as some sample safeguarding record forms and updated Safeguarding and Child Protection Guidance for Early Years Providers in Halton. Please take some time to check them out! When these documents are updated, we will let you know via the newsletter.

## EARLY YEARS TRAINING

There's still time to book onto the Understanding and Supporting SEND in the Early Years. [Click here](#) to book on to this fantastic session now



We would encourage all Halton practitioners to attend this training. The training will cover the role of the SENCo in Early Years settings, the graduated approach, SEN support paperwork and practical strategies to increase your confidence and knowledge in everyday practice.

**26th November 2024**  
**9.30-12.30**

Take a look at the training sessions that Communicate SLT have on offer during November and December. [Click here](#) to go to their website



### Training Code of Conduct

Your support is greatly appreciated in adhering to the training code of conduct and will enable us to continue to provide quality training opportunities

- Booking is essential so please book training through the school improvement site using the following link <https://forms.office.com/e/NddBnLBe76>
- When cancelling training you must give 48 hours' notice unless exceptional circumstances
- Continued non-attendance or short notice cancellations may result in penalties or future charges being applied

### DON'T MISS OUT!



Join the Foundation Years for a live event from 18.00 to 19.30 on TEAMS for a comprehensive session focussing on critical aspects of safeguarding children in Early Years settings. Hear from a range of experts who will share insights on creating inclusive environments, recognising and responding to allergy-related emergencies and implementing proactive measures that ensure a high level of safeguarding for all

children. Open to EYFS teachers, EY educators, EY practitioners and childminders.

Reserve your spot [here](#).

Did Aaron Bradbury inspire you at our Early Years Cluster in October? Or did you miss out on seeing Aaron and heard from others how fabulous he was? Don't worry here's a chance to access a recording of a webinar with Aaron Bradbury and Tamsin Grimmer [Love & Nurture Webinar Recording - Bright Futures Early Years Hub](#)

## DIARY DATES



### Road Safety Week 17<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup> November

With the dark nights upon us it's a good time to reinforce road safety.

[Click here](#) for FREE tools and resources to help you get involved with Road Safety Week.

Resources available for Early Years Settings, Childminders, and Schools

## DID YOU KNOW...?

### Early Years Newsletter

If you missed out on our earlier editions of the Early Years newsletter you can access them by [clicking here](#)

### ShREC Approach

At the NASEN session on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November the ShREC approach was highlighted. The aim of the ShREC approach is to provide a simple and memorable set of specific evidence informed strategies that can be embedded into everyday practice. Using the strategies with every child, every day will enable high quality interactions to support communication and language development.

Read more about the ShREC approach [here](#) or take a look at this short video



Take a look at our ShREC poster below and share with colleagues

# Listening to children and having conversations with them

**sh**  
**Share Attention**  
Be at the child's level. Pay attention to what they are focussed on

**R**  
**Respond**  
Follow the child's lead and respond to their non-verbal and verbal communication. Comment on what they can see hear or feel

**E**  
**Expand**  
Repeat what the child says and build on it by adding more words to turn it into a sentence

**C**  
**Conversation**  
Have extended back and forth interactions. Give children time to listen, process and respond

*Comment more, question less*



*10 second rule*



Children need time to listen, process and respond, so wait for 10!

*Interactive book sharing*





For FREE information and resources take a look at Halton's Communication Hub



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## FURTHER UPDATES

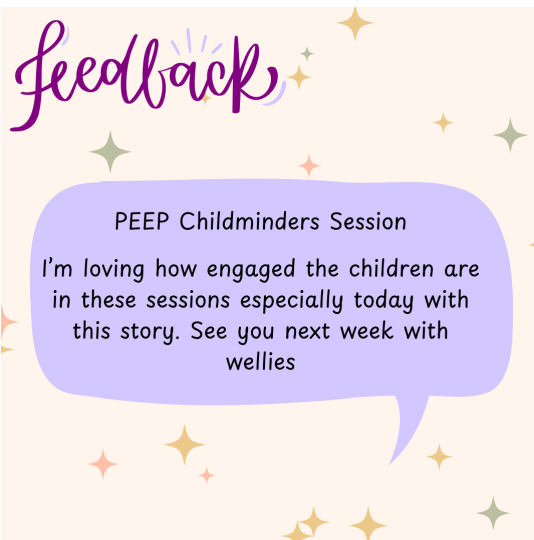
We hope you joined us in celebrating Baby Week 2024. Let's celebrate the wonderful work that you do to support and encourage our youngest children.

We are delighted that in the Spring Term Dr Mona Sakr will be inspiring us to shine a light on our quality provision for under 2s.



## LET'S CELEBRATE!

Our PEEP Childminder Stay and Play sessions are well under way! Each week we are focussing on a different story and exploring lots of different activities together.



## SHARE WITH YOUR PARENTS

### Introduction to Baby First Aid for Parents / Professionals - Free Online Session

Aimed at parents and carers / professionals and students across the UK to cover an introduction to first aid, including CPR and choking as well as basic knowledge and skills to deal with a range of situations in an emergency.

45 minutes session with 15 minutes for questions

[Click here](#) for more information

### Splash Safety in the Bath

Bath time is a fun and essential part of a child's routine, but it's also a moment when water safety is crucial. *The Splash Safety at Your Pad campaign*, wants to ensure that everyone knows how to keep their little ones safe while splashing in the bath.

For more information [click here](#)

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