



News From the Hub

Autumn term 1 2025

Welcome

As the leaves begin to turn, we're excited to share the latest developments shaping early years practice across England.

In recent months, both the **Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)** and the **Department for Education (DfE)** have launched several key initiatives. The EEF has updated its guidance on Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED), with a renewed focus on **supporting smooth transitions from nursery to reception**.

Meanwhile, the DfE has introduced a refreshed EYFS statutory framework, effective from September 2025, which includes new safeguarding measures, child absence monitoring, and safer eating practices.

The government's new strategy, Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life, also promises **£1.5 billion in reforms**, including increased support for children with SEND and a new professional register for early years educators.

This newsletter is packed with opportunities for support, training, and collaboration—tailored for childminders, PVI practitioners, and school-based staff alike. Whether you're looking to deepen your knowledge or connect with others in the sector, we're here to help you thrive.



Emma Haywood

Early Years Stronger Practice Hub Lead

New

BESPOKE ADVISORY

We are proud to be launching our online bespoke advisory sessions.

These are 30-minute online 1-1 sessions with an advisor of your choice, where you can be supported through professional dialogue to talk through any specific challenges which you may be facing in your setting.

We have a choice of experienced advisors including Emma Haywood (Head Teacher – Alfreton Nursery School), Mary Prest (Former Head Teacher and Early Years Advisor), Rebecca Betts (Experienced Local Leader for Early Years), Sarah Smith (Childminder Expert for the Childminder Experts Programme), Kate Cox (Experienced PVI Leader).

Our advisors are available to talk with you about any aspects of pedagogy and practice but please note, we are not able to offer business or safeguarding advice.

Book your 30min advisory session,
with an advisor of your choice here:



[Book here](#)



What's on for all?

Dates for your diary- Events & CPD

We are delighted to share our upcoming events, with availability.

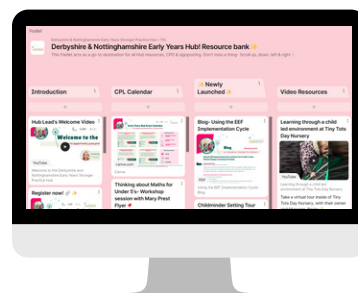
This includes different networks, taking place across Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire, Conference's and online CPD, accessible at any time, via our Padlet.

Fully funded!

Would you like unlimited access to all Hub resources?



Acting as a one-stop-shop for all things Early Years- make the most of our resource bank! This is available to those registered with the Hub.



Working with...
Under Three's

Conference!

Book your place today to avoid disappointment!



In collaboration with Derby City Local Authority Early Years Team

Join us for our conference in collaboration with Derbyshire LA, focusing on high quality practice when working with under 3s!

Our Speakers:

- **Dr Louise Hannan** - sharing her research on emotional encology & its importance for the youngest children
- **Amanda Hubball** - sharing a case study on using schemas to inform planning and support learning
- **Sarah Taylor** - leading a workshop on safer practice with babies: safer spaces, safer handling and safer sleep



Pride Park, Derby
DE24 8XL

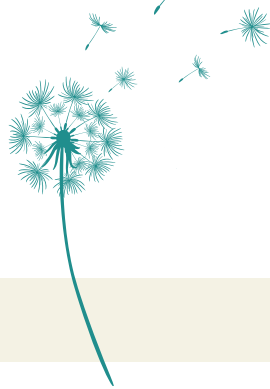


Weds 15th Oct 2025
9.00am - 4.00pm



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Opportunities

Training to support CPD

Ask the EXPERT FORUM

Early Years Nutrition

This bespoke training supports childminders, PVI practitioners, and school-based early years staff in implementing the updated DfE safer eating guidance.

Each session will focus on the specific needs of your setting, covering key areas such as identifying choking hazards, adapting food preparation for different age groups, managing allergies and dietary requirements, and promoting safe mealtime environments. School staff will explore integration with whole-school policies, while childminders and PVI settings will focus on practical, home-based and group care strategies.



Monday 29th Sept 25
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Facilitator:
Kate Cox



Monday 29th Sept 25
4.00pm - 5.00pm

Facilitator:
Emma Haywood



Monday 29th Sept 25
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Facilitator:
Sarah Smith



[Book here](#)

Maths CHAMPIONS

Certificated Programme – Maths Champions

We are currently working with the DfE and two other Stronger Practice Hubs to develop a short PD Programme focussed on supporting practitioners to improve their knowledge and understanding of Mathematical Development for Under 5s.

This programme will be certificated and will run during the first half of 2026, led by Mary Prest. It will consist of **3 face-to-face training days**, with interim support provided to settings in between sessions. It will focus on **building knowledge** and understanding of how the youngest children develop their **mathematical thinking**, as well as providing lots of ideas and tips about how to develop your practice and provision to support this. If you think you might like to be involved in this fully funded project, please complete our Expression of Interest Form. By completing the form, you are not committing to do the project, only to finding out more about it (e.g, by attending an engagement event) with a view to potentially signing up, once you have found out more.



School Based



PVI settings



[Express interest](#)



Join a community... Room Leader Networks

Taking place across Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire

We are delighted to share our upcoming network events, taking place between June 2025 & March 2026.



School Based



PVI settings

Room Leaders Networks

Take advantage of this opportunity to join a community of like-minded room leaders within PVI & school based settings, with a focus on developing your skills as a leader, as well as on developing the high-quality provision in your room.

The networks involve **three face-to-face days** across the year, where you will come together with colleagues to learn more about leadership and discover thought provoking ideas about what good practice looks like.

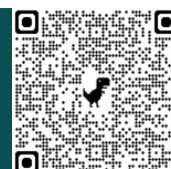
You will have chance to learn about new theories and ideas, reflect on your own practice and take away top tips and suggestions to try in your own rooms. There will be chance to celebrate and share what you have been doing with colleagues and with opportunities to develop relationships and learn from each other over time.

Babies	DERBY CITY & DERBYSHIRE		NOTTINGHAM CITY & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
	Wednesday 17th Sept 25	Post Mill Centre	Friday 19th Sept 25	Trent Conference Centre
	Wednesday 26th Nov 25	Post Mill Centre	Tuesday 18th Nov 25	Flying High Partnership
	Friday 30th Jan 26	Post Mill Centre	Friday 16th Jan 26	Flying High Partnership
Toddlers	DERBY CITY & DERBYSHIRE		NOTTINGHAM CITY & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
	Tuesday 30th Sept 25	Post Mill Centre	Friday 26th Sept 25	Flying High Partnership
	Friday 21st Nov 25	Post Mill Centre	Friday 14th Nov 25	Flying High Partnership
	Friday 13th Mar 26	Post Mill Centre	Friday 27th Feb 26	Flying High Partnership
Pre-School	DERBY CITY & DERBYSHIRE		NOTTINGHAM CITY & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE	
	Friday 10th Jul 25	Post Mill Centre	Wednesday 9th Jul 25	Trent Conference Centre
	Tuesday 9th Dec 25	Post Mill Centre	Friday 5th Dec 25	Flying High Partnership
	Friday 20th Mar 26	Post Mill Centre	Friday 6th Mar 26	Flying High Partnership

By booking onto these networks, you agree to attend all 3 sessions



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Autumn Term EEF Webinar Series

Virtual training to support Early Years Practitioners

Join Early Years Specialist Rebecca Betts over the Autumn term for our EEF Webinar Series, where she will expand on EEF guidance and materials to support effective implementation in your setting. Use the link below to book your place on each webinar.

Focus on ... Self-regulation



Wed 17th Sept 2025

1.00pm - 2.00pm

An introduction to self-regulation and executive function, exploring what these concepts mean and why they are essential in early childhood development. Rebecca will guide you through how children develop these skills and share practical approaches to support them through both planned opportunities and responsive interactions. The session will also explore how to create and navigate meaningful challenges within your setting to help children strengthen their self-regulation and executive function in a supportive and purposeful way.

Focus on ... Self-monitoring



Wed 8th Oct 2025

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Build on our understanding of self-regulation and executive function, with a focus on teaching self-monitoring and self-awareness in early childhood. This session will begin with a brief recap of key concepts before exploring how children can be supported to recognise and manage their own thoughts, behaviours, and emotions. Rebecca will share practical examples and strategies you can use in your setting to embed these approaches into everyday practice, helping children develop greater independence and emotional resilience.

Focus on ... Collaborative Learners



Wed 19th Nov 2025

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Revisit the core concepts of self-regulation and executive function, and explore how to foster a community of collaborative learners within your setting. Dive into the importance of teaching children to work together, share ideas, and support one another's learning. Rebecca will share practical strategies and examples to help you embed collaboration into your everyday practice.

Focus on ... Physical Activity



Wed 10th Dec 2025

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Revisit the foundations of self-regulation and executive function, and explore how physical activity can play a powerful role in supporting children's development. This session will begin with a brief recap before diving into the ways movement can help children manage their emotions, improve focus, and build resilience. Rebecca will share practical strategies and examples to help you integrate purposeful physical activity, and discuss how this can support learning in your setting.



Childminders, School-based & PVI Settings



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Did you miss the Summer webinars?

Don't worry! [Click here](#) to view Mary's session focusing on **STAIRS**.



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Outdoor Learning... Childminder Network

Taking place across Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire

We are delighted to share our upcoming network events, taking place between June 2025 & March 2026.

Childminder Networks

Discover how **natural spaces** can be used as **rich learning environments**, where outdoor learning supports key developmental goals, aligns with the EYFS framework, and nurtures resilience, creativity, and a lifelong love for nature in children.



Childminders

DERBY CITY & DERBYSHIRE



CORBAR WOODS

Corbar Woods Lane, Corbar Road, Buxton, SK17 6FB

Friday 13th June 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 3rd October 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 13th March 26	10:00 - 11:30



LINACRE RESERVOIRS

Linacre Reservoirs, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S42 7AU

Friday 27th June 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 26th September 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 20th March 26	10:00 - 11:30



MARKEATON PARK

Markeaton Park, Markeaton, Derby, DE22 4AA

Friday 4th July 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 19th September 25	10:00 - 11:30
Friday 27th March 26	10:00 - 11:30

You are very welcome to bring your minded children along with you on the day to get involved in the fun! Or you are also very welcome to come along solo!

By booking onto these networks, you agree to attend all remaining sessions, at one venue



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NOTTINGHAM CITY & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



RUSHCLIFFE COUNTRY PARK

Mere Way, Ruddington, West Bridgford, NG11 6JS

Monday 16th June 25	10:15 - 11:45
Thursday 25th September 25	10:15 - 11:45
Wednesday 4th March 26	10:15 - 11:45



BOUGHTON BRAKE WOODS

Boughton Brake Woods, Brake Lane, New Ollerton, NG22 9NE

Friday 11th July 25	10:15 - 11:45
Monday 3rd November 25	10:30 - 12:00
Monday 23rd February 26	10:30 - 12:00



WOLLATON PARK

Wollaton Park, Wollaton NG8 2AE

Wednesday 9th July 25	10:15 - 11:45
Thursday 18th September 25	10:15 - 11:45
Wednesday 11th March 26	10:15 - 11:45



TITCHFIELD PARK

Park Drive Hucknall, Nottingham, NG15 7LU

***Option 1**

Tuesday 16th September 25	10:30 - 12:00
Thursday 7th October 25	10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 10th March 26	10:30 - 12:00



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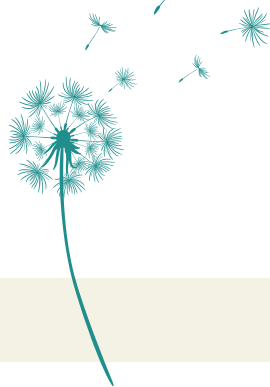
***Option 2**

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Tuesday 30th September 25	10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 11th November 25	10:30 - 12:00
Tuesday 17th March 26	10:30 - 12:00

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Opportunities

Resources & Training to support CPD

DfE

WEBINARS



Department
for Education

Reception year quality webinar series

Register for a series of webinars for senior education leaders focussed on the importance of the reception year and the impact of a good level of development on the overall attainment of pupils on the following dates

- **Wednesday 17 September at 4pm**, importance of reception and the data available to support leaders.
- **Wednesday 24 September at 4pm**, strategic leadership of the early years in school: Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) shares the evidence.
- **Wednesday 1 October at 4pm**, key messages from Ofsted's research on strong foundations.
- **Wednesday 15 October at 4pm**, embedding a language rich environment and supporting early writing.
- **Wednesday 22 October at 4pm**, promoting good attendance routines in reception.
- **Wednesday 12 November at 4pm**, the importance of early maths.



[Sign up here](#)

Work

WITH THE HUB



Is there a particular area of your practice that you are most proud of?

Would you like to share this with others & generate some income for your setting?

We are looking to work with practitioners and settings to share best-practice, via open-days and the production of different resources.

These should be accessible for all early years educators with rich exemplification linked to evidence and practice. We aim to share a variety of resources, covering a multitude of topics, so that exceptional practice can be shared across the sector.

Working with the hub provides you with the opportunity to **showcase your setting**, expand on your good practice and **inspire others!**



We have developed a guidance pack around this

Please read through the guidance, fully, before using the link referenced to register your interest.

We look forward to working with you!



[Guidance pack](#)