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Early Years Broadcast 34 – 01 October 2021

Updated guidance to support EYFS:

To reflect the EYFS reforms becoming statutory on 01 September, the Department for Education (DfE) has commissioned updates to two documents that are used widely across the early years sector to align with the changes.

What to Expect in the EYFS

DfE has published a new guide for parents, produced by Sheringham Nursery School and Children's Centre. ['What to Expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage'](#) (formerly 'What to Expect When') guides parents through what to expect with their child's development. It aligns with the new Development Matters to help practitioners engage with parents about their child's development.

A Celebratory Approach to Working with Children with SEND

DfE has also published a new guide for practitioners, produced by Pen Green Children's Centre - ['A Celebratory Approach to Working with Children with SEND – Giving additional support in the Early Years'](#) (formerly 'A Celebratory Approach to SEND assessment in the Early Years') to help practitioners who may be supporting children who require additional help or children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Letter from New Secretary of State for Department for Education

Nadhim Zahawi who was formally the Children's Minister before being in charge of vaccines was appointed last week. He has sent an open letter thanking all those working in education and care:

["With your help, we are going to transform the lives of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged": an open letter to education and care professionals from new Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Food safety advice on choking hazards in settings

Tragically, a child dies in the UK every month from choking and hundreds more require hospital treatment. It can happen quickly, and it can happen to anyone.

The Food Standards Agency have issued some useful resources in the form of two posters which can be displayed in your setting where food is prepared and served to children, as a helpful reminder of how to minimise the risk of choking.

Early years choking hazards poster:

- [Early Years choking hazards poster \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

Early years choking hazards table:

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The [food safety page](#) on the Help for Early Years Providers website also outlines important messages and links to useful resources regarding keeping children safe whilst eating.

Suffolk Action Week 04 - 10 October 2021:

The following information from Community Action Suffolk might be of interest to Early Years providers trying to recruit volunteers/committee members:

[Suffolk Action Week 2021 - Community Action Suffolk](#)

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Provider Portal & Early Education Funding (EEF)

Please remember to email provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk with any queries regarding the Provider Portal or Early Education funding, EYPP and Deprivation funding.

Provider Portal – important reminder for users

- Registered portal users **MUST NOT** share their login details. To do so is classed as a data breach. Registered portal user absence- if your registered portal user has left your provision, or will be absent during the task period, you must let us know **as soon as possible**. Please email: provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk . Failure to let us know will affect our ability to process your claim. A £100 administration charge will be applied where a data breach is identified (effective from 01 April 2021).

Bookstart Pack delivery

Bookstart packs have started to be delivered via the postal service.

The packs being delivered are for funded 3-year-olds who were in their first term of eligibility in Summer 2021. There is more information at the link: [Treasure packs – Bookstart – Suffolk Learning](#)

A few settings and childminders who will receive an additional **Book Star pack** in this delivery. This pack is not for a specific child but for you to use in your setting or allocate to a family if you wish.

Early Years SEND (EYCSEN@suffolk.gov.uk)

Early Years SEND partnership event

A free seminar by the Council for disabled children about how the disability duties in the Equality Act work within an early years setting.

Please use this link to register for the event on 06 October 2021 14.00 – 16.00:

[Early years, disability and the Equality Act duties Tickets, Wed 6 Oct 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SENDIASS Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) event and information

Booking will soon be open for this session which explores the purpose and process of an EHC needs assessment and how parents and the child are involved. This was co-produced with parents and practitioners, and both are welcome to join.

This is delivered live but anyone who registers will be sent a pre-recording of the webinar to watch at leisure, along with additional resources. The presentation will be approximately one hour with an extra 30 minutes at the end for interactive questions.

21 October 2021 18.00 pm – 19:30 pm

[Education, Health and Care \(EHC\) Needs Assessment webinar](#)

SENDIASS receive lots of enquiries about naming a school in an EHC plan and we have updated our factsheet for families. Please access it here: [How do I name a school in an EHC plan?](#)

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Early Years and Childcare Workforce Development (EYC.WFD@suffolk.gov.uk)

Ready Steady Write

We are offering a virtual target support meeting to share ideas to help children get ready for writing. We will explore what it is that we need to put in place, nurture, model and teach that will create a springboard for later writing.

Go to www.suffolkcpd.co.uk and use the following course codes to find out more and book a place:

E-RSWV04 – 06 October, 16.30 – 17.45

E-RSWV05 – 21 October, 18.30 – 19.45

Alerts from Department for Education (DfE)

Please subscribe to receive alerts directly from DfE, the link is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/help/update-email-notifications>

The Children's Commissioner's The Big Ask...and The Big Answer

Earlier this year, The Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in, and the Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard. You can read the full [report](#) and use the [resources](#) to share the results with your pupils and students.

[Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

This guidance has been updated to reflect the September Review and ensure it is consistent with the changes to advice relating to those previously considered to be clinically extremely vulnerable, remove out of date information relating to the 2020 to 2021 academic year, and update guidance on educational visits.

[Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

Updated information about vaccinations for 12 to 17 year olds, asymptomatic testing, under-18s that were previously considered clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) and the end of the shielding programme.

[Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

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Early Years COVID information and updates (CYPC19@suffolk.gov.uk)

[COVID-19 Provider Information – Suffolk Learning](#)

Public Health England (PHE) Resources

PHE has published a series of resources to help keep parents informed as their children return to education settings. The leaflet, entitled “Taking your child to an early years setting: information for parents”, outlines the importance of children attending early years settings and includes a wide-ranging FAQ.

Please feel free to use it as appropriate and share with staff and parents:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/Leaflets/>

COVID Reporting -Test and Trace Procedure

Report positive cases as soon as possible - do not delay.

You can find the most recently updated information at the link below:

[COVID-19 Provider Information – Suffolk Learning](#)