



## Early Years and Childcare Training Newsletter February 2022



### **Training survey**

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our training survey in the autumn term last year. You can find our response to the survey on Suffolk at the link below:

[Training and Qualifications – Suffolk Learning](#)

We hope to be back out and about delivering more face-to-face training soon. We would like to thank you for your understanding over the last few months, when we have all had to make sudden changes to our plans and revert to virtual training or changed dates for delivery.

### **CPD payment for List of Providers members**

We have been looking at the budget we planned for this year. Some of the activities we planned for this year were changed because of the pandemic. We have not spent the money we had planned to use for hiring venues for training and have spent less than we anticipated on hiring external trainers to deliver sessions for us.

We passed this money to you in the form of a one-off payment. All childminders who are members of the List of Providers will have received a payment of £15 and all group childcare providers who are members of the List of Providers will have received a payment of £60. The remittance will describe the payment as '*additional special grant*'.

You know what the CPD needs of your setting are and it is for you to decide how to use the money. It could be, for example, that you decide to put it towards books, an on-line magazine subscription or purchasing some training. You may be contacted by someone in the early years and childcare service to talk with you about your CPD needs and what you have chosen to put this money towards.

For some ideas you could visit our course poster which will show you our full CPD offer, and you can use the course codes to search for events on Suffolk CPDonline. To make sure the course is what you are looking for please read the learning objectives carefully.

You will find our course poster on Suffolk learning:

[Training courses, poster & costs – Suffolk Learning](#)

### **Teaching Early Years Maths made simple**

We have funded a training package from EY Maths for 72 practitioners.

The programme lead, Karen Wilding, is an International Early Years Maths Consultant, online trainer, conference speaker, published author (DK/Penguin); and guest expert on the BBC 'Live Lessons' and Early Years TV. She can't wait to show you 'what you don't know you don't know' (yet!) about teaching mathematics to 3-5 year olds.

The package aims to give you "ALL the tools you need to transform your practice and enable every child to make incredible progress."

Karen says, "Most of us haven't been given the right tools to enable our children to make great progress in maths yet. This package is designed to change that."

Since this information was released in a broadcast we have been overwhelmed by expressions of interest and have filled all available spaces. The programme is due to commence in February. However, there is a good possibility we may run a second cohort later in the year.



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### Fully funded training to List of Providers (LoP) members

We offer fully funded courses in the prime areas of the EYFS. Settings can book up to 2 places on these 2-hour courses which are delivered virtually through Microsoft Teams.

- Look who's talking – all about language development – look at the necessary building blocks for developing effective communication from birth to 5 years
- PSED All about relationships - with a strong emphasis on attachment theory and the role of the key person for children under age 5
- PSED All about emotions – explores ways to help children recognise, manage, and express their feelings and emotions whilst developing self-awareness and skills of self-regulation
- Mini-Movers – focusses on the physical development and activity of under 5's.

### Level 3 SENCo award

Due to the continued success of this Level 3 SENCo qualification we are pleased to offer Suffolk SENCo's another chance to gain this qualification in September 2022. To find out more, why not come along to one of the information sessions being held in April.

You can find these on Suffolk CPD Online by using **E-SENCo** in the event code search function. You will also find more information, and the expression of interest form at the link [SENCo Training – Suffolk Learning](#).

### Changes to Suffolk CPD online

Suffolk CPD online is moving to a new learning platform that will provide blended learning opportunities. It will include resources as well as events that are virtual, face to face or a combination of all.

To prepare to go live - on 01 April 2022 - we will be transferring your organisation details and employee training records to the new system.

We will continue to keep you updated via the broadcast newsletter.

### Top tips for booking in-setting training:

Decide what training you want as a team; we recommend no more than 2 in setting events a term. This will allow you time to embed knowledge and ideas gained during the training into your practice.

When you apply for an in-setting training remember to add:

- Preferred days of the week (e.g., Monday or Wednesday)
- Preferred times of day for training (e.g., 18.00 – 20.00 pm)
- Number of staff wishing to attend

This will help us to process your application more quickly.

If you are having virtual in-setting training, please make sure all staff are booked onto the event at least a week before the delivery date – this will allow us time to send you the link to Microsoft teams.

Full booking procedures can be found on Suffolk Learning.

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### Foundation Stage Forum

Suffolk County Council has renewed its membership of the forum giving you fully funded access to it. Joining is simple – find out more and how to join here

[Foundation Stage Forum – Suffolk Learning](#)

The Foundation Stage forum describes itself as ‘a gathering place for anyone involved in early years teaching and learning.’

Established in February 2003, the Foundation Stage Forum has long been a platform for a vibrant online community of professionals involved with the Foundation Stage. With the advent of the new EYFS this community has become more active than ever. Come and join a warm and personal support network of reception teachers, nursery practitioners and registered childminders. Discuss issues, seek (and give) advice, find, and download articles and resources – or just put your feet up and have a chat! Whether experienced or new to the profession, members find inspiration, a place to share ideas, and a personal and friendly environment to meet with like-minded colleagues from around the country.

### Useful links:

- Suffolk CPDOnline: [www.suffolkcpd.co.uk](http://www.suffolkcpd.co.uk)
- Training & qualifications, course costs, course poster and in setting booking procedures: [Training courses, poster & costs – Suffolk Learning](#)
- EYC WFD email: [EYC.WFD@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:EYC.WFD@suffolk.gov.uk)