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Hello all Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Early Years Nurseries, SENCO's, Managers and Practitioners.

Hope you all had a break from working over the Christmas period and Happy New Year 2019 to you all.

PROFILE WORKSHOPS

The Early Years Inclusion Team (EYIT) has started offering/ running Profile Workshops to Practitioners from PVI Early Years Settings.

The aim of these workshops is:

- For practitioners to be able to complete a Profile document that is personal and individual to a child, that also clearly identifies the support the setting has given, what has worked/not worked etc.....
- For them to have a sense of ownership of the document and pride in their contribution.
- For those practitioners to take the lead, and have more confidence in completing a profile for a child in the future
- For the document to be the best representation possible of the child and be useful in supporting transition or a request for assessment
- For the Area Senco to give helpful, practical support to multiple practitioners at the same time.

The workshops take place once a week for 6 weeks. Each session is broken into 2 parts: **practical** – inputting data onto the document and **discussion** – talking through the next sections and looking at example.

Settings are requested to bring a work laptop along to the session so they can input information straight into the Profile document. The Early Years Inclusion Team can provide laptops for any setting that currently does not have one.

The next workshops will take place in March / April 2019 if you are interested in attending as you need to complete a Profile document for a child please contact your Area SENCO.

Play Plus

Big Red Bus Club Charlton



SEND Stay and Play

Greenwich's weekly creative play group, a nurturing space for the whole family who have children with additional needs, disabled, medical conditions, global developmental delay or those that would respond well to a sensory play environment.

No judgements, no diagnosis needed and special sibling support.



Monday 10am–12pm term time only

Supporting the whole family



"We loved all the music and storytime - it was very interactive and fun. We felt very welcomed."

For you and your family

- Themed activities
- Sensory play
- Soft play & outdoor play
- Storytelling through music, movement and speech
- A chance to meet others with tea, coffee and cake.



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http://www.thebigredbusclub.com/what_we_do



EARLY YEARS CONSULTATION

These forums are due to continue this term. Dates/ times are listed below, or will follow shortly. At the Early Years Consultation Forums we aim to create a supportive, safe and confidential space in which to explore issues and concerns in detail. The Forums are non-judgemental and allow members to acknowledge strengths and difficulties as well as developing knowledge and skills.

Through active listening, suggesting what might be going on and problem clarification; members share thinking and ideas to generate possible solutions.

Forums currently take place in five areas of Royal Greenwich (see below).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**South - 9.30-11.00am all at SEND Outreach Services,
King's Park Campus, Eltham Palace Road, SE9 5LX**

Spring	4th Feb	and	3rd April
Summer	5th June		

West- all at Charlton Family Centre, 42 - 43 Shirley House,

Dates for 2018-19

Mondays (AM): 9:30-11:30 or (PM): 2-4pm

Spring 21st January (AM) and 18th March (PM)

Summer 13th May (AM) and 1st July (PM)

East

Heronsgate School (Thamesmead Site) - Wednesday 1—3pm

Spring January 23rd and March 6th
Summer May 1st and June 19th

St Thomas a Becket's School (Ensham Drive site) — Wednesday 1—3pm

Spring January 30th and March 13th
Summer May 8th and July 3rd

Central A & B- 10.00- 11.30am at Plumstead Manor Pre-School all at Old Mill Road, Plumstead, London SE18 1QF

Spring 16th January and 27th February
Summer 1st May and 19th June



The Stroke Association have put together a great tool kit for schools , for supporting children who have had a stroke, both on their return to school, and beyond. The ideas would be useful for many other children you may have in schools with neurologically based conditions , so is definitely worth a look

The link is below

www.stroke.org.uk/childhood



Childhood stroke
Find out information about stroke in childhood, including causes and treatment.



New toolkit
Our new publication, Supporting children after a stroke, is a practical guide for teachers and childcare professionals.



Childhood stroke resources
Access a range of resources to support young people, families and professionals.

New Online Profile Form

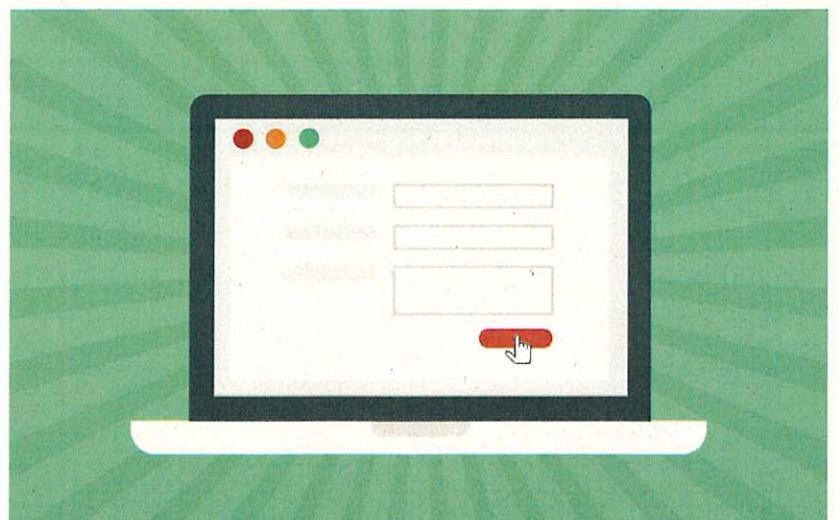
Since the beginning of this summer, the Royal Greenwich SEN Team have been working on creating an EHC Profile web form. The process of creating this has taken longer than originally forecast, but I hope that you will all agree once you have used the form that the time taken to get it right has led to a very usable and useful addition to the EHC Needs Assessment process in Greenwich.

The new form is due to be sent out to some SENCo's and Head teachers who have agreed to be part of a pilot, and feedback that is provided will be considered, and amendments made accordingly, before a final version is agreed to be used by all. The trial will test the functionality, viability and content of the form, and runs for two weeks starting from the 29th October.

As this will be a learning curve for all, the new profile form will be phased in gradually, meaning that we will be accepting 'Profiles' in other formats for new needs assessments to start with. However, any EHC Needs Assessment requests that are made after March 1st 2019 must be done using the new web form. Any that are not, will not be considered until a web form has been submitted.

Please do bear with us with the new form, as there may be some kinks to iron out to begin with, but we hope that, with your feedback and support, that we can make this work well for all involved. Particularly, the new costed provision map and attainment tables should help you in the way that you consider and apply Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycles for the children and young people with needs that you support in your school.

As soon as the Early Years Inclusion Team have more information about this we will be informing all Early Years Settings.



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Disability Access Fund Case Study

Please see another lovely case study attached demonstrating the impact of DAF funding. We would welcome anybody else who has accessed the Disability Access Fund (DAF) and who wishes to submit a case study to complete the attached case study template (we'd love pictures of the equipment too)- please send the completed case studies to



Disability Access Fund (DAF)

From April 2017 the Disability Access Fund (DAF) came in to effect.

What is the Disability Access Fund?

The Disability Access Fund will be for all three- four year olds who are taking up their free funding entitlement and are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

Early years providers are ultimately responsible for identifying eligible children.

How much funding will each child receive if eligible?

It is equivalent to £615 per child per year and is paid to the registered Childcare Provider where the child attends to help support access to the free funding entitlement

What happens if the child is attending two different settings?

If the child is attending two different settings to access their free funding entitlement, then the parent/ carer needs to choose which setting will be allocated the DAF

Do I need to complete a form to access the DAF?

There is a form for the parents to complete with their chosen childcare provider, and parents will have to give their chosen childcare provider a copy of the DLA letter, along with the form so the provider can return it to the Local Authority.

What if my child moves to another childcare provider half way through the year?

If the child moves settings half way through the year, the funding will stay with the current setting, it is not transferable and does not follow the child.

Who should I contact if I have a question about the DAF?

If you would like to find out more or have any questions.....

Email: early-years-inclusion-fund@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Telephone: 0208 921 3311

NEW EARLY YEARS COORDINATION TEAM REFERRAL FORM

The Early Years Coordination Team form has been slightly changed the address you send it to now is:

Early Years Co-ordination Team (EYCT)

Single Point of Access Team

Memorial Hospital Shooter's Hill

London SE18 3RG

Single Point of Assess Contact No. : 020 8836 8621 option 2

Please take out your old form from your SENCO folder and or SEND Toolkit and replace with the one attached to this newsletter.

Local Offer

Please continue to promote the Local Offer to all Practitioners in your setting e.g. via staff meetings. Also inform Parents about this Website via TAC meeting, during general conversation, on your websites (if you have one), etc...and maybe show them the site itself.

GREENWICH LOCAL OFFER FEEDBACK FORMS

Attached are two feedback forms regarding the Local Offer Website.

When you (**Manger, SENCO, and Practitioner**) use the Local Offer, we would like to collect your feedback regarding your experience of the website.

If a **Parent/ Parents** have been using the website or you have helped them access the website, their opinion can also be collected.

Please send any feedback form responses to Nicole Allwood - Disabled Children Participation and Projects Officer

Nicole.Allwood@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Any feedback or queries regarding the PVI SEND Newsletter please contact Sarah Wright, Area SENCO.

Or any ideas or information you feel you would benefit from accessing via the Newsletter can be also emailed to Sarah Wright, Area SENCO.

Sarah Wright

Tel: 0208 921 3311

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If you have any SEN queries contact your Area SENCO or a member of the team on – 0208 921 3311