

Dear colleague

Welcome to our Autumn 17 newsletter, where we handpick important updates, information and features of interest from the sector both nationally and locally, for Ealing early years settings

Please click on the links to access the information. We hope you find it useful! If you have any questions on any of the content, or would like to share any feedback, please do get in touch with your [Early Years Consultant](#)

All our newsletters can be accessed on the [Ealing Grid for Learning website](#), along with a wealth of resources and information

Our celebration this term is that Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Outcomes 2016/2107 show we have made a big difference to children in Ealing, with a marked improvement in school readiness at the end of Reception. **71.6%** of children achieved a **good level of development** (GLD). This is in comparison to 69.4% in 15/16. The work in Ealing early year's settings is making a significant impact in helping to raise children's attainment

**With Regards**

**Ealing Early Years Team**

## **National**

[Staying up to date](#)

To receive monthly early years updates from Ofsted click [here](#) (GOV.UK website)

Sign up for email alerts from Foundation Years [here](#) (foundation years website)

Watch [Foundation Years website podcasts](#) for updates on Department for Education policy development, changes to Ofsted inspections, SEND reforms and improving early years education

[Department for Education](#)- sign up to email alerts (GOV.UK website)

### **Department for Education (DfE)**

[30 hours Childcare Entitlement](#)

[Early rollout of 30 hours free childcare: Evaluation](#)

The DfE has published the findings from an independent evaluation of the early rollout of 30 hours free childcare, ahead of national rollout in September 2017

[Early Years Entitlements: Operational Guidance](#)

Updated July 17- how local authorities (LAs) and early years settings should provide the early years entitlement.

### [30hr extended entitlement \(30hr Childcare\) important updates](#)

Important updates from the DfE and Ealing LA are available on our Ealing Grid for Learning website, to support preparation for the roll out of the programme. This includes:

- Supporting parents to access the eligibility code
- Details on Ealing 30hrs Incentive Fund 2017/18
- Details of 30hr Briefing and Portal Demonstration sessions
- Parent queries regarding eligibility

### [30hr extended entitlement: Important updates and key messages from DfE and Ealing Council](#)

Key messages from DfE to LAs and providers including:

- Key messages providers should give to parents regarding eligibility and funding
- Lunchtime charging
- Validating 30 hour eligibility codes

**Find the latest information and updates on the 30 hours childcare programme- including statutory and operational guidance, supporting parents, and support with business and financial planning on [EGfL](#)**

### [Primary Assessment in England: Government Consultation Response](#)

The consultation on primary assessment ran from 30 March until 22 June 2017. Findings relevant to early years include:

- The Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) will remain in place, with further review by government on whether it is feasible to reduce the number of Early Learning Goals (ELG's) that are assessed
- The descriptors for a typical level of development against the ELG's will be made clearer and focused on the right age-appropriate outcomes, and be brought in line with key stage 1
- The existing assessment scales (emerging, expected and exceeding) will be retained, with further government review on whether it is right to introduce an additional band within the 'emerging' scale
- Government intends to develop a new baseline as a statutory assessment, which will be tested and evaluated ready for introduction in reception by autumn 2020. Government is clear the purpose of the new baseline assessment is to establish pupils' prior attainment as the starting point for calculating progress measures when pupils reach the end of key stage 2. It will not be used track or set targets for individual pupil progress, or to 'predict' individual key stage 2 results.

### [Study of Early Education and Development \(SEED\)](#)

#### [Impact Study on Early Education Use and Child Outcomes up to Age Three - Research report](#)

The latest in a series of reports from the major national study of early years education in England, analysing the effects of early education and childcare for two year olds. A key finding is that early education helps both language and emotional development

### Minister of State for Children and Families

The Minister of State for Children and Families, Robert Goodwill, has written to early years providers introducing himself, explaining current priorities and thanking providers for their work in providing high-quality early years provision for children across the country. The letter can be read [here](#).

### [The Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) Learning and Development Requirements: Guidance on exemptions for individual children](#)

Updated guidance (June 17) outlining process which enables early years providers to consider modifying or exempting one or more learning and development requirements for a child where their family requests it

### **Ofsted**

Following its [Early years inspection myths](#) document, Ofsted have published a series of [nine videos](#) to confirm facts about early years inspections and dispel some common myths.

Latest Ofsted data shows that 89% of Ealing PVI settings are good/outstanding.

### **Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years (PACEY)**

[Business Smart](#) for Childminders – a free online resource from PACEY to support new and existing childminding settings in England to develop a sustainable business

## **Local**

Share with your parents and families.....

### Speech and language therapy parent and practitioner workshops 2017-18

Ealing Speech and Language Therapy are running free workshops for parents and practitioners in Ealing. Autumn term dates, held at Northolt Park Children's Centre:

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

To book, call 020 8825 8856

### Speech and Language Therapy advice/drop-in sessions

An opportunity for parents/carers to meet a Speech and Language Therapist to seek advice about their child's speech and language development. No booking required. Drop in sessions are held in Children's Centres across Ealing throughout the year. [Contact details for Ealing Children's Centres](#)

### Talk and Play Group (under 3's)

Talk and Play is a play-based group for under 3's run by Speech and Language Therapists and/or Early Years Practitioners in Ealing to provide families with strategies to support their child's language and communication development. A child does not need a referral to Speech and Language Therapy services to attend this group.

Sessions are held in Children's Centres across Ealing throughout the year. [Contact details for Ealing Children's Centres](#)

### Ealing Parenting Service

New parenting courses from September 2017, for details please contact the Parenting Service-  
Email: [parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:parentingserviceadmin@ealing.gov.uk) Tel: 0208 825 6152

## **Local**

Share with your team.....

### Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Outcomes 2016/2107 summary

- The percentage of children achieving a good level of development (GLD) at the end of reception in Ealing has risen to 71.6%, and is slightly above the national average (70.6% GLD) in 2016/17.
- The percentage of children with Free School Meals achieving a Good Level of Development at the end of reception in Ealing has risen 4% points to 62%
- Children receiving SEN Support did better this year with 30% achieving a good level of development (2015/16 Ealing SEN Support outcomes 28% GLD)
- Ealing's highest outcomes continue to be in Technology (92% at expected or above), and Physical development (both Moving and Handling, and Health and Self-Care remain at 91% at expected or above), while our areas of focus continue to be in Reading (78% at expected or above) and Writing (75% at expected or above).
- The gap between children eligible for Free School Meals and all other pupils in Reception narrowed from 13.9% in 2015/16 to 11.7% this year (2016/17 Ealing FSM 62% GLD / Ealing all other pupils 73% GLD)
- The gender gap in Ealing remains the same (11.8% gap between boys and girls GLD in 2016/17 / 12.2% gap in 2015/16 GLD outcomes) as both groups improved by 2%.

### 2 year old funded places

In spring term 2017 we had 1060 eligible 2 year olds taking up their free education entitlement in Ealing- 99% of these places were in Good or Outstanding provision.

Families who have recently become eligible have received a letter from Ealing in September 2017 letting them know how they can take up their child's 2 year old funded place.

To verify their eligibility, families will present settings with an Ealing Council letter which includes the parent's name and address. In addition to this letter you should request proof of name and address documentation for the parent and documentation which shows the date of birth for their child (e.g. birth certificate, child benefit notice etc.).

If you have any queries you can contact the [Family Information Service](#).

### Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) updates

The title for Special Educational Needs Assessment Officer (SENAS) has changed to Education Health Care Coordinator (EHCCo- pronounced echo). This is to provide more clarity on the role. To make contact with the EHCCo team please speak with your Early Years Consultant

### Key dates for your training and development schedule:

#### Ealing Managers briefing sessions and Early Years Consultant drop in clinic

Managers briefing sessions now include an opportunity to meet with your Early Years Consultant in a 'drop in clinic'

- Briefing sessions 10.00am to 12.00pm
- Individual EYC drop in clinics 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Find details and book on [Ealing CPD](#) online:

Dates for this term:

**6/10/17**

**1/12/17**

#### Childminder network meetings

Twilight network meetings (18.45-21.30) with a focus on sharing local and national updates and identifying any training needs

Find details and book on [Ealing CPD](#) online:

Dates for this term:

**11/10/17**

**13/12/17**

Autism awareness training- Early Start Speech and Language Therapists

For early years practitioners working with children 0-5 years. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Part 1- foundation information on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Part 2- how practitioners can support the child with ASD in a nursery setting

Find details and book on [Ealing CPD](#) online

Early Language Development Programme- Ealing Speech and Language Therapists

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Part 1-Babies and Toddlers Speech, Language and Communication development

Part 2- Working with under threes to support speech, language and communication development

Find details and book on [Ealing CPD](#) online

Upcoming Ealing early years training:

To view full details of all training and briefing sessions visit [Ealing CPD online](#)

Early Help Assessment and Plan (EHAP) training- 17/10/17, 14/11/17, 28/11/17, 12/12/17

Role of nominated safeguarding person training – 30/11/17

Ealing Managers briefing sessions and Early Years Consultant drop in clinic – 6/10/17, 1/12/17

Paediatric First Aid- 9/10/17, 28/10/17, 11/11/17, 2/12/17

COSHH awareness- 10/10/17

COSHH risk assessments- 10/10/17

Childminder network briefing- 11/10/17, 13/12/17

Introduction to safeguarding/ child protection- 28/10/17, 6/12/17

Autism awareness training for early years practitioners- 8/11/17

Risk assessment for Prevent- 9/11/17

Safeguarding Refresher- 22/11/17

First aid at work - 3 days- 28/11/17

Early language development programme- 6/12/17