

Childcare Provider Network - Group Settings

Spring 2021



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Agenda

- 1. Registration**
- 2. Welcome and Hello from the team**
- 3. Ground Rules for this meeting**
- 4. Guest Speaker**
 - a. Early Help Team
- 5. Advisory Team Updates**
 - a. AfC info website updates
 - b. Delayed Entry into School
- 6. Business and Admin Team Updates**
- 7. Workshop**
 - a. Children's Centres Support for Families
 - b. EYFS Reforms
- 8. Any Questions and Any Other Business**
- 9. Thank you and Goodbye!**

Guest Speakers - Early Help Team



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Early Help Resilience Networks



Ashley Jones and Sharon Karikari
Early Help Teams
Kingston and Richmond

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Early Years DSL Safeguarding forum

Date: 10th March 2021

Time: 7pm till 9pm

**To book on please email Lucy Macarthur direct on:
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Agenda includes:

- Parental vulnerabilities and the hidden risk of harm these can cause young children (Examples include alcohol and drug use, mental ill health, domestic abuse, separation and bereavement)
- How do we identify these children, the risks and what support is there?

Advisory Team updates



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AfC Info Website Updates

We have been updating the AfC website with useful resources. Please take some time to look through the Early Years section on the website at the following subjects:

- [Compliance Checklists](#)
- [Improving Quality for Children](#)
- [Learning and Development](#)
 - [Personal, Social and Emotional Development](#)
 - [Physical Development](#)
 - [Communication and Language](#)

You will get a copy of the slides with all the links on there.

Process for supporting parents of children turning 5 during an academic year, who are not in a reception class

1. Provider identifies a child who is due to turn five during the current academic year, is on roll.

Ask the following questions: Did you apply for a reception class place on 15/01 this year?

No:

Advise parents of the process above and direct them to contact admissions about making an application for a reception class place.

Yes:

Why did you not accept the place? Try to ascertain if this was due to the placement offer, advise parents to look round. If this was because of the parents belief that the child won't cope in reception, ask the following questions.

Are you accepting a place later in the academic year?

No:

Advise the parent of the process above.

Yes:

Remind the parent that this should be taken full time once the child is of statutory school age. (Autumn Born by Jan 1st, Spring born by April 1st and summer born by Sept 1st but this will be in year 1 and ask if admissions are aware.

Are you expecting your child to start reception next academic year?

No:

Advise parents to make an in-year application.

Yes:

Ask parents if they made the request to admissions at the time of application. If they did not, advise parents to contact admissions to make this request.

2. Provider is approached by a parent whose child turns five the following academic year to see if they can remain in the nursery.

Ask the following questions:

Why is it that you don't want your child to start in a reception class with their peers? From the answer, try to work out whether this is to do with learning needs, premature birth or whether they believe their child will not cope, is too young?

At this point it is useful to advise the parents of the application and request process as outlined above and talk to them about the pros and cons of this decision. Encourage them to look at schools and talk to schools about their concerns. Encourage them to apply for a reception place but perhaps to wait to make the decision on delaying entry to reception class until later in the year, as children's development can change rapidly.

It is also useful to advise parents that they will need to reapply for a nursery place at this point should they go down the delayed entry route.

If the parent approaches after the January reception class application deadline, you will need to discuss the process and ask questions as outlined in section 1.

Business Team Updates



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The Early Years Business and Admin Team

- Would like to thank providers for completing the headcount on the Provider Portal system and the CENSUS form especially in these challenging times
- Unfortunately it will not be possible to process any further payment to a provider unless both the headcount and CENSUS have been completed and authorised by the Business Team
- the January 2021 headcount will be reconciled with the CENSUS form returns to ensure that these are successfully uploaded to the Govt COLLECT system
- The Provider Portal will open from March 1 - 19th for summer term estimates

Charging and 'top-ups'

We would like to draw your attention to the recent media coverage regarding childcare charges to parents.

The links below are some of the news coverage:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55812645>
- <https://www.leicesterm Mercury.co.uk/news/local-news/nursery-forced-refund-dads-top-4936545>
- <https://www.nurseryworld.co.uk/news/article/local-government-watchdog-warns-nurseries-over-top-up-fees-for-free-entitlement>

It may be an opportunity to review your charging practices to ensure that your processes are compliant. We offer support in the form of online Funding Compliance training sessions, dates are currently being confirmed. To register your interest before dates are available please email early.years@achievingforchildren.org.uk

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Achieving for Children
Kingston Borough Children's Centres
Manager: Brenda Wood



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There are 4 Children's Centres within the Borough of Kingston upon Thames.

- 1. Kingston Town Children's Centre, Villiers Road, Kingston, KT1 3AR**
Telephone: 020 8481 0640
Email: kingstonccs@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- 2. Old Malden Children's Centre, Lawrence Avenue, New Malden, KT3 5NB**
Telephone: 020 8241 0837
Email: kingstonccs@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- 3. Chessington Children's Centre, Buckland Road, Chessington, KT9 1JE**
Telephone: 020 8397 2006 option 5
Email: kingstonccs@achievingforchildren.org.uk
- 4. Tolworth Children's Centre, School Lane, Tolworth, KT6 7QJ**
Telephone: 020 8339 9848
Email: kingstonccs@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Advice, information and services currently offered

Parenting: Currently offered online

- Online Parenting Workshops, next sessions will be at the start of the Summer Term 2021. The Centres offer both 5 & 10 week programmes with a crèche when the Centres are fully open.
- Let's Play small group Invitation Only Stay & Play provides help and support with a variety of parenting issues and child development concerns. **(Currently being offered 1:1 within the Centres or virtually).**
- Chat & Play sessions with an Educational Psychologist and appointments with the Emotional Health Service. Bookable via CC Facebook page and AfC info website.

Speech and Language and groups to support language development. Currently offered online.

- Rhymetime videos and Interactive Rhymetime sessions delivered and bookable via Facebook page
- Chat & Play 1:1 sessions with a Speech and Language therapist every term bookable via Facebook page.
- Crafty Tales - Early phonics and music sessions - via Facebook page videos

Healthy Eating and Healthy Lifestyles

Health Well Baby Clinics are now bookable appointments for all 4 Centres.

- Health Visitors are undertaking 1 & 2 year ASQ's within all 4 Centres by appointment.
- Healthy Start Vitamins for Mums and Children are available in all 4 Centres, either in exchange for Healthy Start vouchers or to purchase.
- Healthy Start application forms available within all Centres on online <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- Introduction to Solids session offered online by CC staff and Health Visitors

Oral Health

- Online sessions by Oral Health practitioner from Kings College Hospital and CC staff being delivered via Facebook.
- Children's Centres have tooth brushing packs available for families that may be facing difficulties at this current time.

Breastfeeding support

- Breastfeeding support groups have also returned to the Centres with bookable appointments.
- Monday's Old Malden CC 1.30pm - 3.30pm Tuesday's Chessington CC 1pm - 4.30pm
- Wednesday's Kingston Town CC 9.30am-12.00pm Friday's Tolworth CC 9.30am - 11.30pm

Physical development for Children

- Online Chat & Play appointments with an OT or Physio.
See current timetable on AfC info or CC Facebook page delivered every term.
- Mini Movers online music and activity sessions posted weekly on Facebook.
- Online free 4 week Baby Massage Courses for babies from 10 weeks to non mobile
- 1:1 face to face appointments for vulnerable families referred to Children's Centre services.

Other services

- Toy Library services available online. Families can request toys which are delivered and then kept for approximately 3 weeks. Covid compliant social distancing deliveries and collections.
- Online sleep workshops – bookable via online booking form on Facebook page.
- Food bank vouchers and referral to additional support services.

How and where to contact Children's Centre team

Achieving for Children's Kingston Children's Centre Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2579582222120629>

Online Children's Centre Registration Form:

<https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/4N2XVF/>

Achieving for Children Information website Children's Centre pages:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/children-centres>

Please email your local centre details at start of presentation.

Please feel free to email me at brenda.wood@achievingforchildren.org.uk for any further information or to discuss referring a family for additional support.

To keep up to date with developments and changes in services offered please do join our Facebook page and regularly check on the AfC info website. Please email kingstonccs@achievingforchildren.org.uk to request to be included on our mailing list for our termly programme of activities.

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Richmond Borough Children's Centres
Manager: Jill Frederick



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Examples of free/low cost activities within the centres

- Rhyme Time (Speech and language)
- Stay and Play (Planning)
- Baby Play
- Parenting
- Adult learning
- Parents Forum
- Toy Library
- Well-being
- Baby signing
- Cooking activities (Cookie tots)
- Invitation Stay and Plays
- First Aid Workshops

Information, advice and guidance

- A Speech and Language Therapy Assistant regularly visits Stay And Play sessions – see her without making an appointment
- Staff able to give information and advice about child development, behavior management, learning, play and more.
- Strong links with the health visiting team and midwife teams
- Breastfeeding and weaning support
- Domestic abuse support
- Links to the Family Support and other suitable departments of Achieving For Children
- Advice on housing, finance, benefits, training, employment and many other subjects.

Professionals Children's centres work with

- Health Visitors
- Midwives
- Family learning
- Safeguarding
- Family Support workers
- Schools, Day nurseries
- Job Centre Plus
- Private agencies (Baby Juma, Crafty Tales, Lisa's Fitness)
- Family Information service (2 yr funding)
- Refuge & Ascent
- Community dental nurse
- Strengthening Families

Outreach

- To support the Children's centre manager to promote Children's centres and their services
- Facilitate sessions in identified Outreach venues
- Visit local nurseries and day nurseries including the private and voluntary sector to build relationships with parents/ staff / children
- Link in with local community events including those within Primary schools.
- Arrange trips and visits to local venues such as Kew Gardens, The Wetlands Centre, Richmond Museum.
- Link in with other professionals to promote Children's centres

How is our service currently being delivered?

- 1:1 Play Sessions for vulnerable families
- 1:1 Information, Advice and Guidance sessions
- Online workshops. Including:
 - > Parenting
 - > Sleep Workshops
 - > Weaning Talks
 - > Baby massage/baby yoga
 - > Coaching
 - > Citizen's Advice Bureau Money Matters
 - > Online Crafty Tales/Singing/Mini Movers
 - > Antenatal Classes
 - > Chat and Play for families who have concerns regarding their children's development

Where to find further information

Achieving for Children Richmond Children's Centres Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2139131246410763>

Achieving for Children Information Website:

<https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/community-information/information-and-advice/children-centres/children-s-centres-in-richmond>

Email:

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northeastrcc@achievingforchildren.org.uk

EYFS Reforms



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Background

EYFS Reforms

- Consultation launched 24 October 2019
- Government response outlining the final reforms 01 July 2020.
- Early Adopter (EA schools only) ongoing from September 2020, with
- National implementation from September 2021.
- [Consultation summary](#)
- [Changes to the Areas of Learning and Early Learning Goals table](#)

Timescales for training and support from DfE:

- January/February 2021 - LA training
- By Spring 2021 Webinars – online tutorial sessions / webinars for all providers (information about the reforms & practical advice about how the reforms can be implemented in settings)
- By Summer 2021 - New online training offer for PVI's and childminders. More information available shortly.

Key documents released (but **not** for use until September 2021)

- [New Early Adopter Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework](#)
- [New Development Matters \(from September 2021\)](#) Re-focus this guidance on curriculum, so that it is not used as a tracking document.
- [Early Years Foundation Stage Reforms webinar](#)

LA support

- Virtual facilitated sessions across the Summer term TBC
- Focus on supporting your implementation
- What would help you?

Open discussion

what's going well?

What are you worried about?

Resources following the meeting

- [EYFS Reforms webinar](#)
- [EYFS Reforms Powerpoint \(to accompany webinar\)](#)
- [Actions for Early Years](#)
- [Find out what's on at the Children Centres in Kingston and Richmond](#)

Please let us know if there is anything additional you would like us to add

Any Other Business



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