**21st August 2025**

Just a reminder the Early Years service do offer a vacancy service where you can advertise your vacancies free of charge. If you would like to use this service, please follow the below link.

**Early Years Jobs Vacancy Submission Form**

Dear Provider,

Please see below important guidance and information we hope you will find useful. Please ensure you share this update with all colleagues within your organisation. Any colleague interested in receiving these updates can do so by [subscribing here.](https://enews.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/p/5438-3WI/signup)

To support us to ensure all our staff are safe when out and about, please can we ask that you make contact with the Early Years Service if a member of staff doesn't attend/arrive for a visit when scheduled?

Please contact 01296 387111 or [earlyyears@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](https://buckscc.sharepoint.com/sites/ChildrensServices/Early%20Years/6.%20COMMUNICATION/1.%20Early%20Years%20Sector%20Updates/0a.%20Sector%20Updates%20Emergency/earlyyears%40buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Thank you.

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**What's in this week's updates:** |



**Exciting Opportunity to Develop Full-Day Childcare Provision**

We have become aware of an opportunity to establish childcare provision for children aged 0-5 years at a picturesque farm location in central Buckinghamshire. This project is subject to obtaining the necessary planning permissions. We envision a setting that incorporates the principles of a forest school offering funded places from 9 months onwards, creating a unique and enriching environment for young children.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your expressions of interest to earlyyears@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by Friday 12th September 2025.

**Exciting Opportunity for New Early Years’ Provision in Buckinghamshire**

Early Years’ Service at Buckinghamshire Council are seeking expressions of interest for a provider to deliver Childcare and Funded Early Years Education, from birth to four year olds, all year round, from 8am to 6pm from a detached building on the Booker Hill School site.

Please find the advert detailing information about the premises and the tender process.



For further information please contact Early Years Service on 01296 387111 or email earlyyears@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



**First Aid training**

 Relevant to both Childminders, Group based settings and schools.

The EYFS requires that ‘Staffing arrangements must meet the needs of all children and ensure their safety.’ There is no requirement in the EYFS to include students, volunteers and apprentices in ratios and if providers feel this would impact safety they must not do so. Students, volunteers and apprentices may be included in the ratios at the level below their level of study, if the provider is satisfied that they are ‘competent and responsible.’ Only where they are included in ratios will they need a PFA certificate. This will increase the number of PFA trained staff in settings and enhance safety.​

Providers are responsible for identifying and selecting a competent training provider to deliver their PFA training. To identify a valid Paediatric First Aid course consistent with the criteria set out in Annex A of the EYFS visit our training hub on the early years web [Early Years and Childcare Training | Early Years](https://earlyyearsweb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare-training/) and book your place. There is high demand for these courses and places book up quickly.

[**Out-of-School Settings Safeguarding: Call for evidence - Department for Education - Citizen Space**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconsult.education.gov.uk%2Fout-of-school-settings-safeguarding-team%2Fout-of-school-settings-safeguarding-call-for-evide%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cearlyyearscomms%40buckinghamshire.gov.uk%7C1c475ba4b1664b08715e08dddefe7ef2%7C7fb976b99e2848e180861ddabecf82a0%7C0%7C0%7C638911906813677213%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FXrgFDAU80cBHS0WH6IaQTCovDGCwxg3VUtsjnCyx1k%3D&reserved=0)

The DfE is calling for evidence to inform the development of government policy on safeguarding in the out of school settings (OOSS) sector.

Please take time to share your views by following by completing the online survey  [Out-of-School Settings Safeguarding: Call for evidence - Department for Education - Citizen Space](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconsult.education.gov.uk%2Fout-of-school-settings-safeguarding-team%2Fout-of-school-settings-safeguarding-call-for-evide%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cearlyyearscomms%40buckinghamshire.gov.uk%7C1c475ba4b1664b08715e08dddefe7ef2%7C7fb976b99e2848e180861ddabecf82a0%7C0%7C0%7C638911906813677213%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FXrgFDAU80cBHS0WH6IaQTCovDGCwxg3VUtsjnCyx1k%3D&reserved=0)

The survey closes on 21 September 2025 at 11.59pm

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| A pink cloud with a question mark  AI-generated content may be incorrect.Look out each week for our safeguarding questions for you to ask within your setting!This week's safeguarding question**Ask yourself, what is one thing we could change as a provision to strengthen our safeguarding culture; and what might that look like?** |

**Safeguarding Question of the week!**



**2 year old early learning funding top tip:**

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**Click here to visit the Early Years Training Hub**

**Click here to view the latest training calendar**



**Family Corner: helping your families to develop positive home learning environments.**

If you would like to spread the word to your families, we have created some resources for you to share with them. Print out or post on your social media channels today!

**Poster to print out and display in your setting.**

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[**Family learning poster**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic-gbr.mkt.dynamics.com%2Fapi%2Forgs%2Fe5154b7c-a307-ef11-9f85-0022481ae5a1%2Fr%2FO1tgPVGC-km7-AceAHgAAA0AAAA%3Fmsdynmkt_target%3D%257B%2522TargetUrl%2522%253A%2522https%25253A%25252F%25252Fwww.eyalliance.org.uk%25252Fsites%25252Fdefault%25252Ffiles%25252Ffamily_learning_poster_2.pdf%2522%252C%2522RedirectOptions%2522%253A%257B%25225%2522%253Anull%252C%25221%2522%253Anull%257D%257D%26msdynmkt_digest%3DCO9XdHqimtkrtws7dfhC5NHMo20TVA%252FTUEhpN8Wd1os%253D%26msdynmkt_secretVersion%3Da175536a73764d0380b10b26ce0aed92&data=05%7C02%7Cearlyyearscomms%40buckinghamshire.gov.uk%7Cbae6599bbfdc462d79ac08dddc01ce2c%7C7fb976b99e2848e180861ddabecf82a0%7C0%7C0%7C638908622520717077%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=YcFX812n0iyKBK%2BupNmUgK8ApQ%2BEa12sn05WpoWPngo%3D&reserved=0)