

Royal Greenwich – a great place to grow up!

Dear Providers

A short e bulletin this week to highlight a few things as head into our final week of the Summer term as we prepare some children who have only just come back to transition into school in Autumn. Many of you attended the Attachment and Transitions training to help children get ready.

Please also see notice about Paediatric First Aid and priority wait list for subsidised training. We also have a fixed term vacancy in the advisory team – for staff or childminders who are interested in a secondment opportunity.

We wish you all a good weekend from us,

Kallie – Team Leader, Kerry, Elaine, Evan & Rebecca – Advisors, Danielle & Janet – Funding



Main telephone lines are not available but if you provide a phone number we will call you right back and speak to you in person – we are open 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri.

Parents FIS@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Providers Childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

ZOOM drop in duty hours: Monday to Thursday 10:45 – 11:45 (also available at your convenience)

Live Zoom call face to face – to book your slot, email childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk the day before or first thing. If you prefer a Zoom chat at another time which is more suitable, let us know and we will set it up. Please download free Zoom app on device of your choice <https://zoom.us/download>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45
Evan	Rebecca	Elaine	Kerry

FREE Trainings & Briefings. Please download free Zoom app on device of your choice <https://zoom.us/download>

📅 Book via usual Direct Services to Schools training link below. For info email eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

[http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-\(pvi\)-and-childminders](http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-(pvi)-and-childminders)

Log in to Zoom at least 5min before scheduled time with microphone on mute

Date	Time	FREE Training
Sat 11 July	11.30 – 12:30	Bereavement - coping with loss
Weds 15 July	10:30 – 12:00	Protective Measures - Out of School
Tues 21 July	19:00 – 20:30	Healthy Eating on a budget – part of HEY London First Steps menu planning and Bronze award pathway

**FREE BRIEFING for OUT OF SCHOOL PROVIDERS
Infection Control, Protective Measures & Risk Assessments**

Weds 15 July via Zoom (*rescheduled due to low take up*)
10:30 – 12:00

Book here [http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-\(pvi\)-and-childminders](http://servicestoschools.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/courses/private,-voluntary-and-independent-(pvi)-and-childminders)

*****SECONDMENT OPPORTUNITY *****

6 month FIXED TERM

Early Years & Childcare Advisor

post vacancy to start in September

- Level 3 or above qualified
- experience of a leadership post in early years groupcare setting
- childminder with substantial experience working with the early years

Please submit an expression of interest with a short statement about your experience and commitment to driving up high quality in the early years

Email kaljit.schut@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Paediatric First Aid PFA

The requirements in the EYFS on paediatric first aid certification have been modified and [statutory guidance on EYFS](#) has been published setting out what this means. Modification in place up until **30 September 2020**

Royal Greenwich is setting up PFA to commence as soon as possible – it is likely to be a combination of blended training with part of it delivered online.

A register has been set up to prioritise providers to access subsidised training as soon as it is possible to safely deliver

1. Providers delivering funded places
2. Childminders
3. Already expired
4. Due to expire soon

To go on priority waiting list, send us your name, setting URN and copy of most recent PFA certificate Eyc.training@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Paragraph 3.25 and Annex A of the EYFS set out the requirements, including that ‘at least one person who has a current paediatric first aid (PFA) certificate must be on the premises and available at all times when children are present, and must accompany children on outings.’



NO CHANGE TO EYFS

Existing EYFS requirement remains in place where

- children **aged 0 to 24 months** are on site
- **childminders**, as they are already required to have full PFA certification



MODIFICATION TO EYFS

Modified where **children aged 2 to 5** are on site (with no children aged below 24 months)

Best endeavours duty to have someone with a full PFA certificate on site. If all steps set out in the guidance have been exhausted and settings cannot meet the PFA requirement, must carry out a

- written risk assessment and
- ensure that someone with a current First Aid at Work or emergency PFA certificate is on site at all times

New entrants (level 2 and 3) will not need to have completed a full PFA course within their first 3 months in order to be counted in staff to child ratios.

If **PFA certificate requalification training** is prevented for reasons associated directly with coronavirus (COVID-19), or by complying with related government advice, the validity of current certificates can be extended by up to 3 months. This applies to certificates expiring on or after **16 March 2020**.

If, **exceptionally** requalification training is still unavailable, a further extension is possible to no later than **30 September 2020**. If asked to do so, providers should be able to explain **why the first aider hasn't been able to requalify and demonstrate what steps have taken to access the training**.

Employers or certificate holders must do their best to arrange requalification training at the earliest opportunity.



See **6.2 Paediatric first aid**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>



Selecting a first-aid training provider

A guide for employers

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/geis3.pdf>

An inspector calls.... Ofsted and Paediatric First Aid clarification

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update>

First aid certificates

If your paediatric first aid certificate is due to expire, the DfE has set a final deadline of 30 September 2020 for re-qualification of first aid requirements, which applies to certificates expiring on or after 16 March 2020. The Health and Safety Executive has the [same date](#) for re-qualification for First Aid at Work (FAW) and Emergency First Aid at Work (EFAW).

The DfE has updated its [guidance around early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) disapplications](#) to state that providers, if asked to do so, should be able to explain why the first-aider has not been able to requalify and demonstrate what steps have taken to access the training. Employers or certificate holders must do their best to arrange requalification training at the earliest opportunity.

Guidance

Travel advice: coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance for British people travelling overseas during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.



Check the gov.uk website for the latest travel advice as this can change quickly.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

There is no requirement to self isolate for 14 days on return from one of the **exempt countries** - but you are advised to check travel destination list again before children return to setting as advice might have changed.

You have discretion to decide on your own travel policy taking into account gov.uk advice. You may decide on the basis of your risk assessment and potential financial loss of closure whether you are able to safely manage the risk when children and staff return to your setting after having been overseas.



<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk/coronavirus-covid-19-how-to-self-isolate-when-you-travel-to-the-uk>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK

When arrive in the UK, you will not be allowed to leave the place where you're staying for the first 14 days you're in the UK (known as 'self-isolating') unless you're arriving from an [exempt country](#).

This is because it can take up to 14 days for coronavirus symptoms to appear. If you're travelling to the UK for less than 14 days, you will be expected to self-isolate for the length of your stay.

If you're travelling from an exempt country you will not need to self-isolate. You should check the list of [exempt countries](#) before you travel. If you travel from an exempt country but have been in a country that is not exempt within the last 14 days, you will need to self-isolate for the remainder of the 14 days since you were last in a non-exempt country.

EXEMPT COUNTRIES

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#travel-corridors-countries-and-territories-exemption-list>

Healthy Early Years London – more important than ever!

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/health/healthy-early-years-london/get-an-award>

FREE Healthy Eating Training via Zoom

19:00 – 20:30

Tues 21 July

Who the training is for:

- Anyone who has been thinking about registering for HEY London
- If you have registered, but haven't yet completed the First Steps application
- If you attended the HEYL Launch in January and would like a refresher on menu planning
- If you have started your menu planning and would like some feedback

What to expect from the training:

- A summary of Healthy Early Years London (HEYL)
- Information about Healthy eating for early years
- How to create nutritious food provision and menus on a budget

What next ? HEYL Award Steps

- Register, sign up to Sugar Smart and carry out audit of healthy food provision and menu planning in relation to Voluntary Food & Drink Guidelines for Early Years Settings to complete **First Steps**
- Progress to **Bronze** audit - continue to meet Voluntary Food & Drink Guidelines and focus on healthy eating, oral health, breastfeeding and starting solids

1. First Steps

2. Bronze

3. Silver

4. Gold

Private Fostering Awareness Raising WEEK 13-17 July 2020



Fostering in Royal Greenwich

Contact:
The MASH Team Royal Borough of Greenwich
1st Floor, The Woolwich Centre
35 Wellington Street
London, SE18 6HQ
020 8921 3172
fostering.duty@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/fostering



In keeping with the Government's focus on safeguarding children who may be at risk of harm, the key objective of the awareness week is to increase the notification levels of children being cared for in private fostering arrangements.

Safeguarding Theme is entitled **Self-Interrogation**. The Private Fostering week is not just for raising awareness about private fostering, because raising awareness is an on-going activity, but more importantly it is a week for all professionals working with children and families to take a moment to reflect and self-interrogate about their knowledge about private fostering.

- Do I really understand what this means?
- What is the legislation underpinning Private Fostering?
- As a practitioner or organisation what actions have I/we taken to ensure that you/we notify the local authority of these arrangements?
- Do I/we understand the safeguarding implications within these private fostering arrangements which may include;
 - Child Trafficking
 - Child slavery
 - Child sexual exploitation,
 - FGM, Female Genital Mutilation and
 - Forced marriages just to mention some examples.

Remember Safeguarding is a shared responsibility and by Working Together with partner agencies, we will ensure that every child in Royal Borough of Greenwich has the right help at the right time to keep them safe and to meet their needs, so that they achieve, thrive and reach their full potential.

What to do next?

Contact the fostering team to have your questions answered, and to get the support you and the child need. Telephone: 020 8921 2601 / 2602



MYTH:
Mentioning race will “put ideas in their heads” or “poison their minds.”

TRUTH:
“Silence about race does not keep children from noticing race and developing racist ideas, it just keeps them from talking about it.”
(Aboud, 2005; Tatum, 1997)

Illustration of a child wearing large, round glasses that show a distorted, colorful view of the world, symbolizing the myth that mentioning race "poisons" minds.

MYTH:
Young children are “colorblind”

TRUTH:
“Research clearly shows that children not only recognize race from a very young age, but also develop racist ideas by ages three to five.”
(Aboud, 2008; Hirschfeld, 2008; Katz, 2003; Katz & Kofkin, 1997; Patterson & Bigler, 2006; Van Ausdale & Feagin, 2001)

Illustration of four diverse children sitting around a table, eating and talking, representing the truth that children are not colorblind.

MYTH:
Children are “blank slates” who cannot develop racial prejudices until they are explicitly taught

TRUTH:
“Three to five-year-olds use racial categories to identify themselves and others, to include or exclude children from activities, and to negotiate power in their own social/play.”
(Van Ausdale & Feagin, 2001)

Illustration of a baby sitting at a table with a sign that says "RACE", representing the truth that children use racial categories from a young age.

MYTH:
We should not discuss race with preschoolers because they are “too young”

TRUTH:
“Infants are able to nonverbally categorize people by race and gender at six months of age.” (Katz and Kofkin, 1997)

Illustration of a baby with long hair pointing towards the right, representing the truth that infants can categorize people by race and gender.



30 hour codes Summer 2020

Remind **All Families** to renew and/or apply 30 hours as soon as they can and no later than the end of the Summer term

All Autumn 30 hour codes must have start date no later than 31 August 2020



www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

HMRC Helpline

0300 123 4097

All parents are urged to continue to apply for, and reconfirm, their 30 hours entitlement NOW if they missed 31 March 2020 date. This may ensure a smoother transition back into childcare for June and September.

If codes have not been renewed, please do let us know as we have discretion in these exceptional times and we will consider individual circumstances.

All reconfirmations and new applications

Autumn Term : no later than 31 August 2020

Do not decline or withdraw any of funded places - please check with childcare-support@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Please submit all required information to verify 30 hour codes and the local authority will verify and check eligibility on your behalf during this period.

Due to Covid 19, the local authority has discretion to relax the validity dates on 30 hours codes where parents were ordinarily eligible and expecting to take up a 30 hours childcare place between 1 April 2020 and 31 August 2020, but have missed the reconfirmation/application deadline of 31 March 2020. This will enable children to take up their places in the summer term.

Previously, only the children of critical workers, and children who are vulnerable, are able to access childcare.

Now that early years settings are open to all children, the local authority has discretion in accepting the codes of all children who missed the 31st March deadline, provided they meet the eligibility criteria and where there is capacity for providers to take them on.

Providers will need to confirm that the child taking up the place did in fact attend before 1st April 2020 to ensure they are eligible for a 30 hours place in the summer term.



30 Hours Summer Term 2020 **Some temporary changes** **Parent/Carer Information**

Usually, eligible 30 hours codes should be dated no later than 31 March 2020 for the Summer term. However due to Covid 19, there are some temporary changes.

If your code expired during the closure of early years' settings, you must reapply and/or reconfirm your code as soon as possible.

If you intended to apply and didn't, you must apply now. Your child must have turned 3 before 1 April 2020 and you will need to meet eligibility criteria.

You may still be able to take up your place from wider re-opening from 1 June 2020 for the remainder of the Summer term.

1. You must log into your childcare account NOW and re-apply or reconfirm your code or go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
2. Take your 30 hour code and evidence of your reapplication to your usual early years setting
3. If your usual setting is closed, take to your 30 hour code to the provider of your choice or contact Families Information Service fis@royalgreenwich.gov.uk
4. If your financial circumstances have changed due to Covid 19 (*since the Spring term when you last applied for or reconfirmed your code*), you may still be eligible to take the place for the remainder of the Summer term even if you get a non-eligible response. Ask your provider to check with the local authority.
5. Your early years' setting will contact the local authority to check whether you are able to take up your place.
6. To continue with your place in Autumn 2020, you must apply for and/or reconfirm your 30 hour code **before the end of the Summer term** ie Friday 17 July and **no later than 31 August 2020**. Your setting will tell you when they need your code for the Autumn term.

Digital Offers by **Children's Centres** and **Greenwich Libraries**

Greenwich Libraries

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Greenwich-Libraries-375637446612900/videos/>



Mama G Stories

<https://www.facebook.com/MamaGStories/>

Children's Centres

To get in touch with your local Children's Centre by phone – you can find their contact details here

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/directory/15/childrens_centres

EAST GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/abbeywoodthamesmeadchildrenscentres

Telephone 020 8311 5491 / Email waterways@gll.org

SOUTH GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/southgreenwichchildrenscentres

Tel: 020 8859 1110 / Email: SGCCSM@gll.org

GREENWICH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Website: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quaggycc>

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CENTRAL GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

<http://www.homestartgreenwich.org.uk/>

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EAST GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

www.facebook.com/abbeywoodthamesmeadchildrenscentres

Telephone 020 8311 5491 / Email waterways@gll.org

Check Online Timetable Week with Children's Centres – below is an example of previous activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Princess Story	Rhyme Time with Elaine and Zoe	Dance with Glass Slipper (dance skills for under fives) session 3	Sensory Play with Danielle	Learn and Grow with Michelle	Basket Ball Skills with Dhan	Reading from the Start with Wendy
Cuddles	Cardio with Rosanna	Forest School with Sara	Mindful RTG	New Happily clappily ever laughter (laughing session)	Story Time with Jacqui	
A Spot of Spanish with Silbia and Theodore	Bucket time with Lisa S	Tune into RTM.fm at 11am. The Learning Canteen. Guest speakers (Children from Waterways Nursery and Kelly)	New Face Book Live Our live Cooking Show with Lisa Matusha – 10.30	New Bedtime Story with Elaine 5pm		
New Bedtime Story with Danielle 5pm		Singalong with Deni				
		New Bedtime Story with Michelle 5pm	Pilates with Rosanna			
			Growing Together with Kelly			

SOUTH GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Facebook: @southgreenwichchildrenscentres Email: SGCCSM@gll.org Tel: 020 8859 1110

www.facebook.com/southgreenwichchildrenscentres

Week Beginning 13 July 2020

booking required for closed groups via Zoom

Monday	10am Ted starts the week with a song	11am Tuneful Toddlers	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Good Looking, Good Listening	4pm Story time with GLL Libraries
				1.30pm Taming Tantrums (1) closed Zoom group		
Tuesday	10am Ted starts the day with a song	11am Cook and No Book....with a Rap!	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Good Looking, Good Listening	4pm Story time with GLL Libraries
Wednesday	10am Ted starts the day with a song	11am Messy Play	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Good Looking, Good Listening	4pm Story time with GLL Libraries
	10.30am Stay & Play closed Zoom group					
Thursday	10am Ted starts the day with a song	11am Baby Massage	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Good Looking, Good Listening / 2.30pm Bouncing Babies (2) closed Zoom group	4pm Story time with GLL Libraries
Friday	10am Scooby Story Time with Ted	11am Starting School	12noon Top Tips with our Therapists	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Good Looking, Good Listening	4pm Story time with GLL Libraries
	10am Bouncing Babies (3) closed Zoom					
Saturday	10am Bringing the Outside Inside	11am Cooking with Maggie	12noon Movement with Martine	1.30pm Vicky Rhyme Time	2pm Relaxation Techniques with Sarah	
Sunday	10am-noon Pick of the Week - highlights of the past week every 20 mins –					

GREENWICH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE DIGITAL OFFER

Website: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/>

Online calendar: <https://www.quaggydevelopmenttrust.org/live-calendar/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/quaggycc>

Twitter: @quaggycc www.twitter.com/quaggycc

Instagram: quaggycc1

Follow Halo the Hippo <https://www.facebook.com/halothehippo>

Family support

We continue to offer family support, but we will only be able to offer phone calls whilst we are in lockdown, we will try and guide you to the right agencies who can help with finances, housing, activities to do with your children at home and more.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity	10am Halo the Hippo Family Learning Activity
	3pm Music and Movement with Sharon			Sensory Play Session		
3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff	3.30pm Story Time with Quaggy staff		

CENTRAL GREENWICH CHILDREN'S CENTRE DIGITAL OFFER



<http://www.homestartgreenwich.org.uk/>

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