Training & Cluster Meetings
For Lancashire Childminders
April - July 2019

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Quality Childcare Development Team

The team is available to support you in delivering high quality childcare to children and families across Lancashire. Support includes a regular newsletter (Find out Friday), website, clusters and training as well as support and advice. Also check our website for updates and useful documents www.lancashire.gov.uk/education/childcare

Team mail box (for general enquiries): lancschildcareteam@lancashire.gov.uk

Your Development Officer will arrange visits to your home for new childminders and those due an Ofsted inspection. But please do not forget that you can contact them any time for advice, information and support.

To help target support more effectively we work within three areas of the county.

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Early Education Safeguarding Officer
Available to provide support around specific safeguarding concerns or just for general information and advice regarding safeguarding children.
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Getting children moving

With childhood obesity levels rising and children spending an increasing amount of time playing on screens there has never been a more important time to consider how we can raise children’s activity levels.

This taster session will explore why being active is so essential to children’s health, development and general wellbeing. It will include how you can raise children’s activity levels through your routines, play activities, work with parents and the way you organise your home and resources.

There will be some theory and guidance as well as lots of practical ideas and links to further information and resources.

Come along and let’s work together to get all our children moving…

Thinking Differently about Play

Session 1 - Play for Plays Sake
Session 2 - Children’s Play Spaces

This is a two part training session for anyone who is interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the nature and value of school aged children’s play.

The sessions are thought provoking, fun and interactive and cover topics such as

- Alternative approaches to planning
- Ways to observe and support children’s play

- Your role in creating the physical and human environment

There will be an opportunity to reflect on what you currently offer and create an action plan for any changes you might want to make.

You will receive a booklet with further reading to help you implement your new reflective approach.

Suitable for anyone working with school aged children.

Date: Wednesday 22nd May & 12th June 2019
Time: 6.30 - 8.45pm
Location: County Hall, Preston
Cost: £50
Enjoying music with children

An interactive and fun session looking at the importance of music for children’s development and how to embed it in your everyday practice. The evening will include practical ideas on how to encourage children’s love of music.

No musical ‘ability’ needed!

**Date:** 20th June 2019  
**Time:** 6.30-8.45  
**Location:** Early Years Professional Development Centre, Leyland  
**Cost:** £25

Exploring the forest school approach

This outdoor practical workshop will introduce practitioners to the forest school approach and will particularly focus on building children’s self – esteem, independence and confidence. Children’s well-being, creativity and opportunities to risk take will be explored. This session will be held outdoors. Please ensure you have appropriate outdoor clothing for the weather and a change of footwear for indoors.

**Date:** 10th July 2019  
**Time:** 6:30-8.45pm  
**Location:** Giant Leap Childcare, Burnley  
**Charge:** £25

Hot news – **Anna Ephgrave** is delivering a session for childminders on her ‘planning in the moment’ approach. It will be in Morecambe on the on the 13th of November from 6.30 to 8.45pm. Full details will be in the next booklet but if you want to get in early you can ring and book now - £25 per place.
Cluster Meetings
These informal meetings are an excellent opportunity for you to:
• Network and share ideas with other childminders
• Meet the Development Officer for your area
• Receive important updates and useful ideas

There is no charge to attend this meeting.

Central
Date:    Thursday 2nd May 2019
Time:    6.45-8.45pm
Location: County Hall, Preston

East
Date:    Wednesday 15th May 2019
Time:    6.45-8.45pm
Location: Towneley Park City Learning Centre, Burnley

North
Date:    Thursday 27th June 2019
Time:    6.45-8.45pm
Location: Bonds Ice Cream Parlour, Elswick

Day Time Cluster Meeting
This is a meeting for out of schools and childminders who cannot make an evening session or simply prefer to come in the day.
Date:    Friday 5th July 2019
Time:    9.30 - 11.30am
Location: County Hall, Preston
Bookings

To book places on training or clusters please ring 01772 456405 or email your details to earlyyearscentre@lancashire.gov.uk

Venue Details

**Conference and Training Suite at County Hall**
E Floor, County Hall, Pitt Street, Preston, PR1 8XB

**Bonds Ice Cream Parlour**
Bonds Lane, Elswick, PR4 3ZE

**Towneley Park City Learning Centre**
Towneley Holmes, Towneley Park, Burnley, BB11 3DF (SAT NAV BB11 3JT) Across the road from James Hargreaves Bathrooms

**Morecambe Football Club**
Globe Arena, Christie Way, Morecambe, LA4 4TB

**Early Years Professional Development Centre**
Seven Stars Primary School, The Infant Building, Peacock Hall Road, Leyland, PR25 1TD