# Early Years Cluster Meeting

### Autumn Term 2023





### Slough Safeguarding Partnership Updates September 23

#### **Recommended Chapters to re-read**

Resolving professional difference of opinion and escalation

#### **Chapters with Updates and Amendments**

Recognising abuse and neglect

Allegations against staff or volunteers who work with children

Organised and complex abuse

Information Sharing

Criminal and sexual exploitation of children

Children from abroad, including victims of modern slavery, trafficking and exploitation

Children with disabilities

Faith related harmful practice

Forced Marriage

Self-harm and suicidal behaviours

Agency roles and responsibilities

Guidance for safe recruitment, Selection and retention of staff and volunteers





### DfE updates



Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Updated 4th September 2023 - to reflect the 3 changes

- 1. the current statutory minimum staff:child ratios in England for 2-year-olds changes from 1:4 to 1:5
- 2. childminders can care for more than the specified maximum of three young children if they are caring for siblings of children they already care for, or if the childminder is caring for their own child;
- 3. clarifying that 'adequate supervision' while children are eating means that children must be within sight and hearing of an adult.

Please download this newest version

Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) updated 1st September 2023



## Ofsted – Early Years You Tube clips



Part 1 - Early years curriculum: The importance of communication and language — YouTube

Part 2 - Early years curriculum: A curriculum for communication and language - YouTube

<u>Part 3 - Early years curriculum: Making progress through knowing and remembering more - YouTube</u>

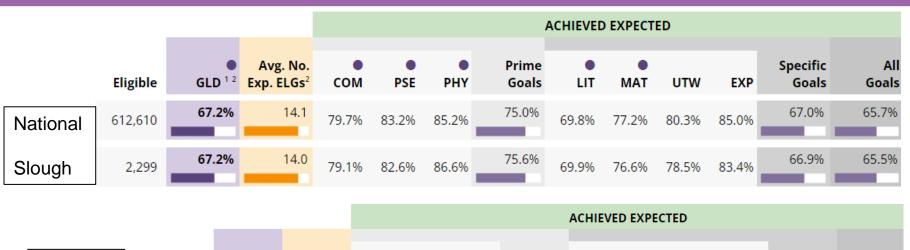
Part 4 (settings) - Early years curriculum: How we look at communication and language on inspection - YouTube

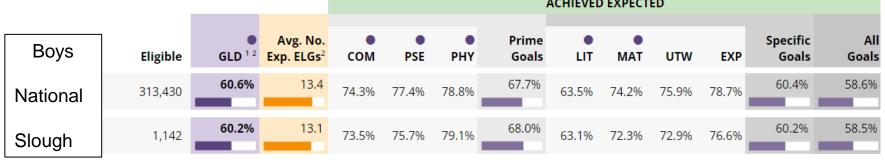
Part 4 (schools) - Early years curriculum: How we look at communication and language on inspection – YouTube

Early years in schools | Ofsted webinar for schools - YouTube



### EYFS Profile 2023 Data Headlines







EYFSP 2022 Slough GLD – 65.1% Boys – 56.8% Girls – 73.5%

- •EYFSP Handbook 2024— all reception teachers, EYFS leads, assessment leads
- Early years foundation stage profile handbook GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



## Local Updates

Vaccinations – please share and encourage all families to complete the short questionnaire – before 27<sup>th</sup> October

https://forms.office.com/e/3v6p5z35Ej

or



## Did you know... measles is on the rise in Slough?

In Berkshire, Slough has the lowest number of children vaccinated with the MMR and other key vaccines.

The MMR vaccine is given to children to protect them against this highly contagious disease.

1 in 10 children under 5 are not up to date with this vaccine.





#### What can you do...

Please help us by completing the short online questionnaire about vaccines via the QR code.

Thank you for taking part!

Slough Borough Council



### Dingley's Promise EY Inclusion Project

#### **Updates & developments**

First 5 Courses currently available: (5 more to come!!!)

Free to all Slough EY practitioners that sign up using the link below

- Introduction to Inclusive Practice
- Early Years SEND Transition
- Behaviours that Challenge
- Having Difficult Conversations with Families
- The Voice of the Child

**Dingley's Promise Mark of Achievement** (replacing the Kite Mark) As a congratulation - successful settings will get:

- Certificate
- Window sticker to display at your setting
- Notepads & pens





Settings can now achieve their very own

Mark of Achievement to reflect their passion and
commitment to inclusive practice in the early years.

Our training has been specifically designed to provide
practical skills and knowledge to help practitioners
support the growing numbers of children with SEND.

With the Mark of Achievement, your setting is
recognised for embracing the training within your
teams and as such the dedication to transforming the
lives of children with SEND through inclusive practice.



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"The training is great and packed with knowledge and straight forward practical skills to use immediately."

Dingley's Promise Training learner

Sign up to our Mark of Achievement and see first hand the impact a setting wide commitment to inclusive practice can have on you and the children in your care.

For more info visit

To qualify for the Dingley's Promise Training Mark of Achievement you must meet the following criteria:

- Settings with 4 practitioners or more: 75% will have undertaken the inclusive practice course along with 2 additional courses of their choice
- Settings with less than 4 practitioners (eg childminders): The lead practitioner will have completed the inclusive practice course and 2 additional courses of their choice

When your setting has achieved the above, please notify our training team via email on training@dingley.org.uk

Once the course completions are verified you will receive a certificate, a window sticker to display in your setting and Dingley's Promise notepads and pens to celebrate your achievement

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## Useful resources & organisations

Planning Ahead: Building on Children's Starting Points in the EYFS | Early Excellence



Help for early years providers - Department for Education

Free online training:

Areas of Learning, Get help to improve your practice, Safeguarding & welfare



Practice - Foundation Years



#### Home | Muddy Faces

Specialist site/shop for Outdoor play, learning & Forest School

Check out the activities section





## Training & CPD

#### All sessions online

- I Talk Network 2<sup>nd</sup> November either 1 2:30pm or 6:30 8:00pm
- Five to Thrive; Attachment & trauma informed practice & resilience delivered over 3 sessions
   7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 3:30 5:00pm
- LADO 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:00 3:00pm
- PVI SEND Network 15<sup>th</sup> November 6:30-8:30pm
- Promoting Good Oral Health in Children 20th November 6:30 8:00pm
- First Aid Training: 12 hours Paediatric various blended & face to face options
- AET Making Sense of Autism send booking request form to <u>AETbooking@slough.gov.uk</u>

Reminder to sign up to The Link to access information updates and book training

- Homepage | The Link (slough.gov.uk)
- Early Years | The Link (slough.gov.uk)
- Events & Training | The Link (slough.gov.uk)

- NPQ EYL <u>National Professional Qualification for Early Years | Best Practice Network</u>
- L3 SENDCO Early Years SENCO Level 3 | Best Practice Network



## AOB & questions

### Dates for the diary:

Spring EY Cluster Meeting Monday 5th February 2024: Online or face to face?

### Contacting the EY team

- General enquiries, training requests, bookings, issues <u>earlyyears@slough.gov.uk</u>
- EY SEND, EYIG, EYIF applications <u>eyinclusion@slough.gov.uk</u>

Please sign up to <u>thelink@slough.gov.uk</u> for weekly updates, bookings, shared resources

