

# RCT CHILDCARE TEAM NEWSLETTER

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## HELLO AND WELCOME

TO OUR **SECOND EDITION** OF THE  
RCT CHILDCARE TEAM  
NEWSLETTER.

### Meet the new FIS Officer...

Hi, my name is Oliver and I am the new  
Family Information Service (FIS) &  
Digital Officer. My role is to provide  
parents, carers, social and support  
workers with information about  
childcare and other family services.

This issue includes more  
information about our upcoming  
conference, as well as introducing  
the new FIS Officer, Oliver.

We welcome any feedback so  
please get in touch.

One of my main roles is to keep the DEWIS database  
up to date. DEWIS is your chance to promote your  
business to parents and it's **FREE**. If you haven't  
already registered, get in touch and I can get you set up.  
If you are already registered, it is very important that  
you keep your details up to date. You are required to  
update your information every six months, you will be  
notified by email to do so. This needs to be completed  
even if your details haven't changed. Please remember  
to set your page to "ready to publish" or your service  
may not be visible in parent or FIS searches!

FIS is also on Facebook and we post important  
childcare updates and advertise events around RCT.

**f Find us @familiesRCT.**

Feel free to contact me with any of your questions or  
queries on **0800 180 4151** or free from mobiles on  
**0300 111 4151**. You can also send me an email at  
**FIS@rctcbc.gov.uk**.

Mae croeso i chi gyfathrebu â ni yn y Gymraeg / You are welcome to communicate with us in Welsh.



# Training

New for Autumn 2021, we will be offering online Health and Safety training. All other courses are already full but we do operate a reserves list, so please contact us if you would like to be added to this. See our webpage and Facebook page for more information.

For future courses, we will be asking you to complete course evaluations before we issue your certificates. Please support us by completing them after any training you attend. They help us to evaluate the courses and make changes if necessary.

We value your feedback so please tell us if there is training that you need, and we don't currently offer.

There are more training sessions for the Childcare Offer online portal coming up this term. Keep an eye on your emails and Facebook for upcoming dates.



Remember to check out our closed facebook page. It's a great way to get regular updates on issues that affect the Childcare sector, information on upcoming training, signposting to other services and many other benefits.

## Join here...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/childcareteamRCT> or search for **RCT Childcare Team** in the Facebook search facility.

# Childcare Offer for Wales / FPN education

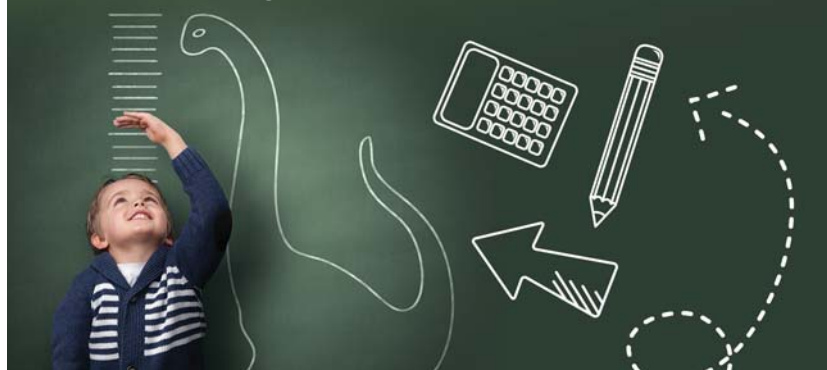
Please remind parents that applications for January 2022 pre-nursery FPN education places (for children who are 3 years old before 31 December 2021) are open now and close on **1 October**.

Signpost parents to:

**[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/schooladmissions)** for more information and to apply.

Childcare Offer applications for children who will be eligible from January 2022 open on **15 November**.

Parents can check their eligibility and apply at: **[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareoffer](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareoffer)**.



# STOP PRESS

We have had the opportunity to apply to Welsh Government for grant funding to support our providers with ICT improvements and small capital works. We are hoping to find out very soon if we have been successful. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and your email for more information!

## Contact Us ...



**01443 570048**



**[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam)**



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Childcare Offer for Wales (Providers only):

**[ChildcareofferProviders@rctcbc.gov.uk](mailto:ChildcareofferProviders@rctcbc.gov.uk)**



**RCT Childcare Team**





# Childcare and Play Conference



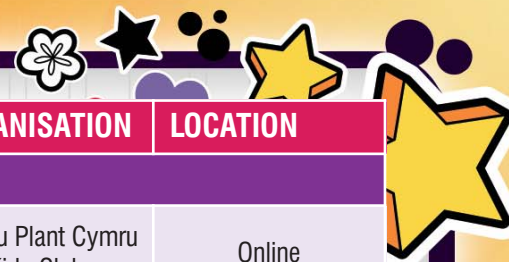
We are delighted to once again hold a joint childcare and play conference. Due to the uncertainty of what COVID restrictions will be in place, the conference will be a mix of face to face and online workshops from **9th to 15th October.**

Places are limited, so book now!

Bookings are now open via our website:  
[www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam).

Below is the draft timetable. See our website for workshop information.

TIME	WORKSHOP	ORGANISATION	LOCATION
Saturday 9 October			
10:00	<b>Official opening of conference</b>		
11:00	<b>ABC of Opera</b> - Interactive workshop with loads of idea to incorporate music, drama, language, history and more into your childcare or play setting. Suitable for children from pre-school and up.	ABC of Opera	Rhydyfelin Children and Family Centre
Monday 11 October			
10:00	<b>STEM</b> - Discover how to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics into your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Rhydyfelin Children and Family Centre
10:00	<b>Cyflwyniad I Mudiad Meithrin</b> - Pwy yw Mudiad Meithrin, Beth rydyn ni'n ei wneud a pham mae'r Gymraeg wrth wraidd ein Gwaith.	Mudiad Meithrin	Online
13:30	<b>Resilient Family Service</b> - Overview of RFS key principles, the teams and roles involved in the process and the referral processes.	Resilient Family Service, RCTCBC	Online
13:30	<b>Lego Therapy</b> - TBC	RCTCBC	Rhydyfelin Children and Family Centre
18:15	<b>STEM</b> - Discover how to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics into your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Rhydyfelin Children and Family Centre
18:15	<b>Staff Recruitment &amp; Training</b> - Introduction to successful recruitment and how to maximise CPD opportunities.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online
Tuesday 12 October			
10:00	<b>Making IT Work</b> - How to make the best use of technology in your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online
10:00	<b>DEWIS &amp; FIS</b> - Learn more about the Family Information Service and how it can help you to promote your business to parents and families.	Family Information Service, RCTCBC	Online
13:30	<b>ALN Awareness</b> - Introduction to the new ALNET Act and how you can make referrals to the RCT Early Years Forum.	Suzanne Davidson, RCTCBC	Online
13:30	<b>Deall ac Ymateb i Trawma yn y Blynyddoedd Cynnar</b> - Dyma sesiwn hyfforddiant sydd â'r nod o'ch cefnogi chi i ddeall ac ymateb i trawma mewn plant bach yn y blynyddoedd cynnar.	Mudiad Meithrin	Online



TIME	WORKSHOP	ORGANISATION	LOCATION
<b>Wednesday 13 October</b>			
10:00	<b>Introduction to Developing Playwork &amp; Team Practice</b> Introduction to support positive playwork practice in your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online
10:00	<b>Mudiad Meithrin</b> - Who are Mudiad Meithrin? What we do and why the Welsh language is at the heart of our work.	Mudiad Meithrin	Online
13:30	<b>Understanding and Responding to Trauma in the Early Years</b> - Support your understanding and response to trauma in young children in the early years.	Mudiad Meithrin	Online
13:30	<b>Staff Recruitment &amp; Training</b> - Introduction to successful recruitment and how to maximise CPD opportunities.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online
16:30	<b>Curiosity Approach</b> - Discovery session to explore the main elements that make up this approach and how it enhances the learning environment for children.	Rainbow Room	Rainbow Room, Cymmer, Porth
18:15	<b>DEWIS &amp; FIS</b> - Learn more about the Family Information Service and how it can help you to promote your business to parents and families.	Family Information Service, RCTCBC	Online
18:15	<b>Confident Communication Assertiveness</b> - Improve your assertiveness and learn strategies to develop your self-esteem and confidence.	PACEY Cymru	Online

<b>Thursday 14 October</b>			
10:00	<b>Quality Interaction with Babies</b> - Introduction to theory, best practice ideas and tools to support high quality interaction with babies from birth to 12 months.	NDNA	Online
10:00	<b>Curriculum for Wales and the New Non-Maintained Curriculum</b> - Introduction to the new curriculums and ideas on how to prepare for implementation in September 2022.	Claire Lloyd-Thomas/Vicky Baldock, Early Years Advisory Teachers, RCTCBC	Online
13:30	<b>Introduction to Getting Risk Right</b> - Gain a better understanding of how to balance risk and benefit against H&S considerations in your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online
13:30	<b>Staff Wellbeing</b> - TBC	Rachael's Playhouse	Online
18:15	<b>Making IT Work</b> - How to make the best use of technology in your setting.	Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Club	Online

<b>Friday 15 October</b>			
10:00	<b>Curiosity Approach</b> - Introduction to the main elements that make up this approach and how it enhances the learning environment for children.	Christine Walker, Rainbow Room	Online
13:30	<b>Staff Wellbeing</b> - TBC	Rachael's Playhouse	Online
16:00	<b>Official close of conference and prize draw winner announced!</b>	Deputy Director, Childcare, Play and Early Years Division, Welsh Government	Online

For more information: [www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam](http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/childcareteam).  
*The programme is subject to change and keep an eye out on our website for extra workshops added over the next few weeks.*

