



# Croydon Early Learning Team

Summer Training  
Programme 2026



## About us and our training

**Inclusion**

**Safeguarding**

**Curriculum and Teaching**

**Achievement**

**Behaviour, Attitudes & Routines**

**Children's Welfare & Well-being**

**Leadership and Governance**

The Early Learning Team provides support and advice on a wide range of professional development opportunities for support staff in school and practitioners in Croydon's Private, Voluntary and Independent sector, including Childminders and Wraparound Providers. One aspect of our support is to provide training accessible for all practitioners working in the London Borough of Croydon and additional training for all childcare providers to access. Our courses are colour coded to demonstrate how they link with the Early Years Inspection Toolkit and you will see the colour codes alongside the relevant courses.

# Training

**We offer three variations of training: Fully funded, Paid and Bespoke.**

We offer both face to face and online training.

**Please note we are using a range of venues for face to face sessions this term. Check the session information carefully and ensure your staff team are aware of the locality for the session before they book the training. Practitioners will be emailed the address once the session has been booked.**

- **Fully funded training:**

Our fully funded training is free to access and is available only to practitioners working in an early years setting, school or wraparound provision in the London Borough of Croydon.

- **Paid training:**

A selection of our training is priced at a competitive rate. This training is accessible to practitioners who work in the London Borough of Croydon.

- **Bespoke training and consultancy:**

We can offer bespoke training for your setting. In addition to this we offer Consultancy services for Croydon settings.



# General Information

## Fully funded training:

The majority of our training is fully funded which is offered via a combination of face to face and online sessions. **There is a limit of two places per setting for each face to face training session**, to enable the maximum number of settings to attend.

## Paid training:

For paid training the cost will vary depending on the type of course and length.

All prices will be listed against each individual course.

## Bespoke training:

Bespoke training is charged at **£75 an hour** for Croydon registered settings.

Consultancy services are available at the same rate.



# Course Registration

## How to book:

Please note that training and events for the Spring term will be booked through Synergy. **Managers should ensure that staff register on MST for each session as soon as the booking is confirmed on Synergy. This will enable staff to receive the session confirmation and link in good time prior to the training. If you have not received confirmation of your place within 3 working days please email [early.learning@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:early.learning@croydon.gov.uk)**

Bookings will open on 14th April

## Contact us:

If you have any learning/physical needs which will affect your ability to access the training, please email us in advance to discuss how we can support you.




## Cancellation:




Paid training is **non-refundable**.




Bespoke training is **non-refundable** but with 4 weeks notice may be rescheduled (subject to availability). Cancellations for fully funded and paid training should be made by emailing [early.learning@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:early.learning@croydon.gov.uk)




Fully funded ELT training must be cancelled **at least 3 working days in advance. Late cancellation or failure to attend training will be charged a penalty of £20 per person for online sessions and £30 per person for face to face training.**

This will be taken from the setting's termly funding. Please ensure that all practitioners are aware of this when booking training places. Settings may send a replacement member of staff instead without charge.

Course name	Audience	Course description	Course information
<p data-bbox="141 225 533 252"><b>Working with Two Year Olds</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 225 864 341">This session is suitable for all early years practitioners.</p>	<p data-bbox="887 225 1603 384">This session will explore how adults can support a two year olds' learning and development through play and consider the importance of an enabling environment.</p>	<p data-bbox="1809 225 1944 252"><b>29th April</b></p> <p data-bbox="1798 284 1955 311"><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1845 343 1908 370"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1830 402 1924 429"><b>Online</b></p>
<p data-bbox="136 493 537 520"><b>Effective Leadership Training</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 493 837 954">This session is suitable for PVI's who operate before and after school clubs, Holiday and HAF providers, childminders who offer wraparound and school staff who work in wraparound provision.</p>	<p data-bbox="887 493 1603 847">This interactive training equips leaders of out-of-school provision with the core skills to lead effectively. Designed specifically for non-formal educational environments. It will include: effective leadership in informal education, identifying your leadership style, managing challenges like staff turnover, low morale, behaviour incidents, team communication and programme improvement, responding confidently to challenges and crisis and creating a personal leadership action plan.</p> <p data-bbox="887 868 1570 970"><b>This session is fully funded by the Wraparound Programme and suitable for providers who work with primary school aged children.</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1818 493 1935 520"><b>6th May</b></p> <p data-bbox="1794 552 1960 579"><b>09:30-14:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1845 611 1908 638"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1646 668 2107 815"><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked</b></p>
<p data-bbox="107 1046 566 1118"><b>Developmental Language Disorder DLD Awareness Training</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 1046 869 1257">The session is aimed at all early years setting support staff, EY Practitioners, Early years SENCos and childminders.</p>	<p data-bbox="887 1046 1603 1331">DLD is a hidden but common disability which is more common than Autism. Approximately 2 children in every classroom of 30 have DLD. This 2 hour introduction to DLD, run by the Early years Speech and language therapy team, will explore what DLD is, how pre-school children with DLD might present, as well as helpful tips and strategies to support a pre-school child with DLD.</p> <p data-bbox="887 1351 1357 1378"><b>Maximum two places per setting.</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1818 1046 1935 1074"><b>6th May</b></p> <p data-bbox="1798 1106 1955 1133"><b>16:00-18:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1845 1165 1908 1192"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1830 1224 1924 1251"><b>Online</b></p>

Course name	Audience	Course description	Course information
<p data-bbox="255 233 421 260"><b>Supervision</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 233 857 624">This session is suitable for all managers and leaders who are responsible for supervision including those working in an early years &amp; wraparound provision.</p>	<p data-bbox="882 233 1585 579">This session is suitable for those who are in a role undertaking supervision and appraisal with staff. Delegates will learn more about good practice regarding support, supervision and appraisal, identify the purpose for each and how to get the most out of them. Delegates will discuss how to overcome some of the barriers. Tea and coffee will be provided.</p> <p data-bbox="882 608 1357 639"><b>Maximum two places per setting.</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1816 233 1951 260"><b>12th May</b></p> <p data-bbox="1805 288 1962 316"><b>10:00-13:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1850 347 1917 375"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1653 406 2114 539"><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked.</b></p>
<p data-bbox="172 687 506 715"><b>Curriculum Confidence</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 687 857 935">This session is suitable for childminders, early years' managers and leaders responsible for curriculum.</p>	<p data-bbox="882 687 1608 898">What is your curriculum and how is it delivered in your setting? This workshop seeks to: consider what your curriculum aims are, discuss how your curriculum is implemented, and how it supports you to be confident about your provision.</p>	<p data-bbox="1816 687 1951 715"><b>14th May</b></p> <p data-bbox="1805 746 1962 774"><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1850 805 1917 833"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1839 865 1928 892"><b>Online</b></p>
<p data-bbox="125 1038 562 1171"><b>Designated Safeguarding Lead DSL for Early Years</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 1038 857 1254">This session is suitable for childminders, DSLs and deputy DSLs working in an early years setting.</p>	<p data-bbox="882 1038 1608 1345">Delegates will explore the responsibilities of a DSL. Receive updates on safeguarding issues including: thresholds for making referrals, local and national serious case reviews, recording and sharing information. Consider how to support staff and manage allegations against staff. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.</p>	<p data-bbox="1816 1038 1951 1066"><b>6th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1805 1098 1962 1125"><b>09:30-16:15</b></p> <p data-bbox="1742 1157 2024 1184"><b>Cost £85 per person</b></p> <p data-bbox="1626 1216 2136 1291"><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked</b></p>

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<p data-bbox="103 197 568 316"><b>Supporting Children and Families with English as an Additional Language EAL</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="586 197 871 303">This session is suitable for all early years practitioners.</p>	<p data-bbox="889 197 1576 399">This session will explore: the importance of home languages, welcoming environments for families with EAL, supporting children with EAL in the EYFS and resources to help practitioners support children.</p>	<p data-bbox="1812 197 1939 225"><b>9th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1796 253 1962 280"><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1845 316 1912 343"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1830 371 1928 399"><b>Online</b></p>
<p data-bbox="210 513 461 541"><b>Inclusive Practice</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="586 513 860 756">This session is suitable for childminders, room leaders, SENCOs, managers, and support staff in schools.</p>	<p data-bbox="889 513 1585 724">Delegates will reflect on how to create an inclusive environment. We will consider groups of vulnerable or disadvantage families, and how practice, interactions and procedures can support inclusive practice. Tea and coffee will be provided.</p>	<p data-bbox="1812 513 1946 541"><b>13th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1796 569 1962 596"><b>10:00– 13:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1845 632 1912 659"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1621 687 2136 802"><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked.</b></p>
<p data-bbox="210 853 461 880"><b>Safer Recruitment</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="586 853 871 1117">This training is suitable for those involved in the process of recruiting staff to work in wraparound or PVI settings.</p>	<p data-bbox="889 853 1592 1289">Identify the key features of staff recruitment that help deter or prevent the appointment of unsuitable people. Consider policies and practice that minimise opportunities for abuse or ensure its prompt reporting. Help participants begin to review their policies and practice in recruitment with a view to creating a safer culture. This course is the nationally recognised Safer Recruitment Training produced by the Safer Recruitment Consortium. Tea and coffee will be provided.</p> <p data-bbox="889 1318 1592 1430"><b>Please note, to be eligible to receive fully funded Safer Recruitment training, you must have <u>at least one child for wraparound childcare (Reception to Y6) on roll.</u></b></p>	<p data-bbox="1812 853 1946 880"><b>16th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1796 909 1962 936"><b>09:30– 17:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1641 965 2119 1169"><b>£65 per person for staff working in PVI settings or fully funded by Wraparound Programme Funding for settings offering wraparound childcare.</b></p> <p data-bbox="1648 1198 2112 1332"><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked</b></p>

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<p data-bbox="125 231 551 304"><b>Understanding Behaviour and Establishing Routines</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="584 231 864 336">This session is suitable for all early years practitioners.</p>	<p data-bbox="884 231 1590 480">This session explores some of the key areas in the updated Behaviour, attitudes and establishing routines evaluation area of the Ofsted toolkit. This includes: effective routines, supporting disadvantaged children, how settings manage behaviour and the importance of attendance.</p>	<p data-bbox="1809 231 1951 256"><b>24th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1803 288 1966 314"><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1850 346 1919 371"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1834 403 1935 429"><b>Online</b></p>
<p data-bbox="152 687 524 761"><b>Feeling Confident for your Inspection</b></p>  	<p data-bbox="584 687 871 1010">This session is suitable for childminders, group settings, and wraparound, and for any practitioners who are new or less confident in the inspection process.</p>	<p data-bbox="884 687 1603 1125">Delegates will look at the methodology of inspection, what the inspection process looks like from the notification phone call to receiving the published report. This is a confidence building session for providers by discussing common myths and misconceptions of inspections. Providing a clearer understanding of appropriate steps on how to challenge if needed. We will look at grade descriptors for the 'Expected standard' and the new Ofsted Toolkit.</p>	<p data-bbox="1809 687 1951 713"><b>29th June</b></p> <p data-bbox="1803 745 1966 770"><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p data-bbox="1850 802 1919 828"><b>Free</b></p> <p data-bbox="1834 860 1935 885"><b>Online</b></p>

# Events

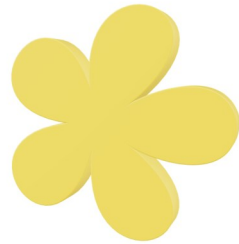


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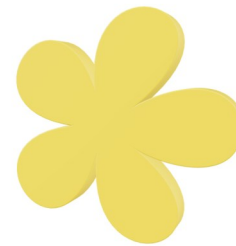
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Event	Audience	Event description	Event information
<b>Safeguarding Forum</b>	This session is suitable for all childminders, DSL's and deputy DSL's for Early Years and Wraparound provision.	Receive updates about issues relating to safeguarding both locally and nationally and hear from the LADO. Consider safeguarding issues identified during inspections.	<p><b>19th May</b></p> <p><b>19:00-21:00</b></p> <p><b>Free</b></p> <p><b>Online</b></p>
<b>Managers Forum</b>	This session is suitable for all managers and deputies for Early Years group provision.	An informative networking event for those working in a managerial position in group settings based in Croydon such as day nurseries and pre-schools. Managers will be able to receive current and relevant updates both nationally and locally from the local authority, as well as raise questions and discuss important topics shared by managers.	<p><b>2nd June</b></p> <p><b>10:00—12:00</b></p> <p><b>Free</b></p> <p><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked</b></p>
<b>Wraparound Forum</b>	This session is suitable for all before/after school clubs, and wraparound providers and staff.	An informative networking event for those working in a wraparound provision, such as before and after school clubs, holiday clubs and wraparound providers. Attendees will be able to receive current and relevant updates both national and locally from the local authority, as well as raise questions and discuss important topics shared by out-of-school providers.	<p><b>12th June</b></p> <p><b>10:00-12:00</b></p> <p><b>Free</b></p> <p><b>Central Croydon venue, address will be confirmed once place is booked</b></p>

# Training provided by other organisations



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<p><b>HENRY Core Training</b></p>	<p>For any practitioner who supports parents with children aged 0-7 within the Borough of Croydon.</p>	<p>Strengthen your practice with <b>HENRY Core Training</b>, an evidence-informed programme designed to support professionals working with parents and carers of babies and children. This training builds confidence and practical strategies for promoting healthy family routines and wellbeing.</p> <p><b>Why attend?</b></p> <p>Recognised and respected across the UK</p> <p>Aligned with best practice and early intervention priorities</p> <p>Free professional development opportunity for Croydon's early years and health workforce</p> <p>Places are free but limited– secure your spot today</p> <p><a href="#">HENRY Training Interest Form</a></p>	<p><b>You must attend both days to receive certification</b></p> <p><b>Both days 09:15-16:30</b></p> <p><b>23rd and 24th April</b></p> <p><b>TBXH Sunley House, Croydon</b></p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>24th and 25th June</b></p> <p><b>Samuel Coleridge Taylor Centre</b></p> <p><b>Free</b></p>

# Free DfE Training

The Department for Education (DfE) is offering free online Child Development training.

## **Child development training**

This online training provides an overview of child development and gives practical advice for supporting the development of children in your setting. The course has 8 modules and each module should take between one and two hours to complete. Modules include: Understanding child development and the EYFS, Brain development and how children learn, Supporting PSED, Maths, Language development, Physical development, Curriculum and Assessment and Supporting individual differences and needs.

Further information is available using the link below:

<https://child-development-training.education.gov.uk/about-training>



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# Booking on to training

## Early Years Providers:

Training and events (unless otherwise stated) are bookable via the Provider Portal.

Bookings will open on 14th April 2026.

A guide on how to book on to training can be found by clicking the links below.

## Wraparound Providers:

Training and events (unless otherwise stated) are bookable via the Provider Portal.

Bookings will open on 14th April 2026. Please email [early.learning@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:early.learning@croydon.gov.uk) if you have any difficulties.

**To access the fully-funded training, you must have at least one child YR to Y6 on roll.**

[Guide on how to add staff to provider portal.pdf](#)

[Guide on how to book on to training.pdf](#)



# Contact us

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