

Childcare Network Newsletter

September 2025

Autumn Term Thanks!

We hope you had a joyful and restful break over the Summer holidays! A big thank you to settings who have recently updated their details on DEWIS.

This is a great opportunity to keep families informed of up to date information about your setting.

Our team has been updating the FIS website with training opportunities, please make sure you search www.torfaenfis.org.uk for useful links and resources tailored just for you.

Team FIS



Torfaen
Family Information Service
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Flying Start Expansion

Are you interested in becoming a Flying Start provider but don't know how to apply? Here is a step-by-step guide on how to register with Proactis:

Tender submissions will only be accepted via the portal and not by any other means unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Council.

- Go to <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>
- If not registered, click "Signup," fill in details, and click "Register" (only once per organisation)
- If unsure if your organisation is registered, contact your Primary Contact instead of registering again
- Primary Contact receives an activation email; click the link to activate the account
- Sign in with your Login Name and temporary password from the activation email
- Complete the Self Registration and Organisation Details; create a new password on page 8
- Click "Complete Registration"
- Click the red "Opportunities" box, search for "Torfaen"
- Find the opportunity titled "T.4544- Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Flying Start Childcare placements" and click the white arrow in the blue circle
- Click "Register Interest"
- Use the telescope icon to search "Torfaen" again and find the opportunity now marked Private
- Click the white arrow in the blue circle to access it
- Read documents under "Request Documents" before answering any questions

For more information please contact Emma.Treadgold@Torfaen.gov.uk or Hayley Morgan Hayley.Morgan@torfaen.gov.uk



Childcare Offer for Wales

Autumn half term is coming.

Make sure the Agreements you have with parents cover holiday hours if they are using the Offer in the holidays.

More information available here:

➡ <https://www.gov.wales/providers-manage-agreements-childcare-offer-wales>

➡ <https://www.gov.wales/providers-claim-payment-childcare-offer-wales>

For help and advice contact our national helpline on
03000 628 628



Funding and Links:



Meithrin Natur

Meithrin Natur is a programme from the National Lottery Community Fund to improve children and their caregivers' health and wellbeing, by connecting with the natural environment, in Wales.

Applicants must work in a partnership to apply – the fund wants organisations to bring together their knowledge from across different sectors, for example those working in: early years, nature and the environment, and health and wellbeing.

The programme is offering up to £25,000 for development funding and up to £2 million, for up to six years, to deliver the project. The closing date for applications is 12:00pm, 1 December 2025. For more information please visit here https://play.wales/news_category/meithrin-natur/

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Cyber Security

How to protect sensitive information about your setting and the children in your care from accidental damage and online criminals.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-practitioners-using-cyber-security-to-protect-your-settings>

How to protect yourself from the impact of data breaches

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/data-breaches>



Training Opportunities:

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Training Programme (EYDCP)

EYDCP is committed to developing the skills of staff working with children in early years or childcare settings within Torfaen.

An annual training programme is delivered over the academic year. Training Information is sent out to Childcare providers on a termly basis.

The training programme provides essential statutory training which includes Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid, Level 2 Food Safety, Manual Handling, Health and Safety including Risk Assessments.

Click here for [Torfaen Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership Autumn Term 2025](#)

Prevent Training

Prevent duty training: Learn how to support people susceptible to radicalisation

<https://www.support-people-susceptible-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/>





A night of Celebration



On 25th September we celebrated to highlight and recognise the importance of our Early Years childcare providers in Torfaen.

Your role is a vital one, allowing parents to go to, or remain in work and giving our local children a safe space to explore and learn through play experiences and nurturing environments.

A big thank you to all who came, and also to our speakers Sue Morgan, Eryl Powell and Jenny Mosely who all provided inspirational entertainment.

