Coventry Early Years and Childcare Training Programme

Autumn term 2026



Coventry City Council

Introduction

Welcome to our Autumn term training and briefing programme. Coventry Early Years team provides a range of training and development opportunities for the Early Years and Childcare workforce, supporting the provision of high-quality care and education in schools and childcare settings across Coventry.

Booking information

- For chargeable courses, providers will be required to pay at the time of booking
- Course and briefing descriptions for each session can be viewed on our events page on the Eventbrite booking system
- All bookings must be made online using our Eventbrite booking system
  Coventry Early Years Booking link on Eventbrite
- Remember to follow us on our Eventbrite page to receive notifications as exciting new sessions are added throughout the term. When you are all set up as a 'follower' and want to see the whole range of early years training, in one accessible list, go to the accounts section of your app and click on 'Organizers you follow,' from here you should select Early Years Service Coventry City Council, and you are good to go!
- Booking Terms and Conditions can be found on the early year's website page:
  https://www.coventry.gov.uk/eytrainingtandc
- Contact Information **024 7697 5451** or email **eytraining@coventry.gov.uk**

Venue Information

- **Willenhall Education, Employment and Training Centre**, 239 Robin Hood Road, Coventry CV3 3AN
- **Council House**, Earl Street, City Centre, Coventry CV1 5RR
- **Holbrook Primary School,** Gateside Road Coventry CV6 6FR
- **One Friargate ,** Station Square Coventry CV1 2FL

Eventbrite Booking Fees

Booking fees are applicable for all chargeable sessions and are set by Eventbrite, these fees are due in addition to the course cost and are non- refundable.

Importance of Confirming Your Attendance on FREE Sessions

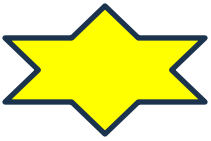
It is extremely important that attendees confirm their attendance for both venue and virtual sessions.

Venue based sessions - If the session is venue based, please ensure you sign in on the register or confirm your attendance with the trainer/s.

Virtual sessions – please ensure you confirm with the trainer/s your attendance via the chat function or verbally.

Failing to confirm your attendance will result in a charge for non-attendance, which will be a minimum of £10.00 being issued by the Early Years Team.

SPECIAL OFFER



In the Autumn term, you will see that the majority of our courses are free of charge.... this is due to short term grant funding to support wraparound providers – take advantage now of our special offer .

Book AND attend 3 of the courses with a Yellow star  ***and we will reward your setting/school with a £30.00 gift voucher to spend on resources***

This offer is strictly limited to one voucher per setting/school.

Paediatric First Aid Information

The blended learning Paediatric First Aid course is a 12-hour course which consists of 6 hours e- learning and 6 hours face-to-face practical training.

Completion of the eLearning module is a mandatory requirement and must be completed prior to attending the face-to-face Paediatric First Aid practical session.

Delegates who do not complete the eLearning in full before the practical session will not be issued with a Paediatric First Aid certificate.

Cost of Paediatric First Aid Training

Paediatric First Aid training should be renewed every 3 years.

The cost of this course for childcare providers registered as operating within the Coventry area (CV1 to CV6 postcodes) will be **£88.00** plus Eventbrite booking fee.

The cost of this course for childcare providers registered as operating outside of the Coventry area will be **£103.00** plus Eventbrite booking fee

SEPTEMBER 2026

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid PFA 1				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **PFA 1 BOOKING LINK**	Wednesday 9 September	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA 2				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **PFA 2 BOOKING LINK**	Thursday 17 September	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA3				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **PFA 3 BOOKING LINK**	Monday 21 September	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Portal Training for Coventry Early Years Providers and Schools				
This training is for staff/childminders who claim funding and explains the Coventry Schools and Early Years Portal system **BOOKING LINK PORTAL TRAINING**	Monday 21 September	10:00am to 11:00am	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Introduction to Playwork for Wraparound staff (2-part course)				
To provide wraparound staff with a clear understanding of Playwork principles and how they can create environments that support children's play, wellbeing, and development. **BOOKING LINK INTRODUCTION TO PLAYWORK**	This is a two-part course; attendees must be able to attend BOTH sessions Tuesday 22 September AND Tuesday 29 September	6.30 pm to 7:45 pm BOTH evenings	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Coventry Early Years DSL Network Meeting				
Meeting for Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) who work in Coventry Early Years settings including PVIs, Preschools and Childminders. **BOOKING LINK DSL NETWORK**	Thursday 24 September	6.30pm to 8.00pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Little Coventry Communicators - Tier 1				
Develop your confidence and skills in supporting children's speech, language, and communication with the WellComm screening tool. **BOOKING LINK LITTLE COMMUNICATORS TIER 1**	Friday 25 September	1:00pm to 3:30pm	Council House	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Little Coventry Communicators - Tier 1				
Develop your confidence and skills in supporting children's speech, language, and communication with the WellComm screening tool. **BOOKING LINK LITTLE COMMUNICATORS TIER 1**	Monday 28 September	6:30pm to 9:00pm	Council House	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Everyday Assessment - Supporting Learning and Smooth Transitions				
This free workshop is for Coventry Early Years school staff and is suitable for ECTs, those staff new to Early Years or anyone who would like further guidance, support, and professional conversations around assessment in the Early Years in schools. **BOOKING LINK 1:30 PM SESSION** **BOOKING LINK 4:00PM SESSION**	Thursday 1 October	Two sessions available 1:30pm to 3:00pm **OR** 4:00 pm to 5:30pm	Council House	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Early Years Providers Autumn Term Briefing				
Briefing for Coventry Early Years Providers ONLY The QIS team will share key national and local updates, the latest policy information, sector developments, and priorities impacting early years practice. **BOOKING LINK PROVIDERS AUTUMN TERM BRIEFING**	Thursday 1 October	6:30pm to 8:00pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Practical Nutrition for Wraparound and Early Years Practitioners				
Join Registered Nutritionist Catherine Jeans for this practical training session on how to support the nutritional needs of children. **BOOKING LINK** **PRACTICAL NUTRITION**	Monday 5 October	6.30pm to 7.45pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Coventry Early Years *Initial* Designated Safeguarding Lead Training (DSL)				
This training is for Coventry Early Years Practitioners working as Childminders or in PVI settings and are new to the DSL role or Deputy DSL **BOOKING LINK DSL INITIAL TRAINING**	This is a two-part course and attendance at BOTH sessions is required. Tuesday 6 October AND Tuesday 13 October	7:00pm to 09:00pm BOTH evenings	Online via Teams	£50.00 **Eventbrite booking fees apply**

Please note, the Autumn Term DSL training sessions will be online via Microsoft Teams.

In response to feedback, the Spring term DSL sessions will be face-to-face at a city centre venue. If you do not wish to attend face-to-face DSL sessions, you may wish to book onto the Autumn term DSL which will remain online.

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA4				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 4**	Wednesday 7 October	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

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Inclusive Practice in Childcare Settings (aged 3 -11 years)				
To develop practitioners' understanding of inclusive practice and equip them with practical strategies to ensure every child feels welcomed, valued and able to participate. **BOOKING LINK INCLUSIVE PRACTICE**	Inclusive Practice in Childcare (aged 3 -11 years) is a two-part course; attendees must be able to attend BOTH sessions. Wednesday 14 October AND Wednesday 21 October	6:30pm to 7:45pm BOTH evenings	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Think Equal – FREE Social and Emotional Learning Programme				
The Think Equal programme is a fully funded initiative available to group settings and schools with a pre-school/nursery class in Coventry.	Friday 16 October	1.00pm to 3:30pm	One Friargate	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA5				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 5**	Saturday 17 October	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA6				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 6**	Thursday 22 October	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

NOVEMBER 2026

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Coventry Early Years *Refresher* Designated Safeguarding Lead Training (DSL)				
For Coventry PVI Early Years Safeguarding Lead practitioners who have previously attended an Initial DSL course and hold a DSL role. This training is for Coventry PVI settings and Childminders	**IMPORTANT** This is a two-part course and attendance at BOTH sessions is required. **Part 1** Tuesday 3 November **Part 2** Tuesday 10 November	7:00pm to 09:00pm BOTH evenings	Online via Teams	£50.00 **Eventbrite booking fees apply**

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Paediatric First Aid course PFA7				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA7**	Wednesday 4 November	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Schools Early Years Leads Autumn Term Briefing				
Briefing for Coventry Schools Early Years Leads ONLY The QIS team will share key local and national updates **BOOKING LINK AUTUMN TERM BRIEFING**	Thursday 12 November	1:30pm to 4:00pm	Council House	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Making Play Better – Enriching Play Opportunities for all Children				
This essential practical course highlights the profound importance of play for our children's well-being, development, and life-long health. **Trainer Ben Kingston-Hughes, Inspired Children** **BOOKING LINK MAKING PLAY BETTER**	Friday 13 November	09:30 to 11:45	Holbrook Primary School	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Coventry Early Years DSL Network Meeting				
For Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) who work in Coventry Early Years settings including PVIs, Preschools and Childminders. These network meetings are for Coventry Early Years settings and Childminders only **BOOKING LINK DSL NETWORK**	Tuesday 17 November	6:30 to 8:00pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA8				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 8**	Wednesday 18 November	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA9				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 9**	Thursday 26 November	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - £88 Non-Coventry based providers £103 **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
 **Building and Maintaining a Sustainable Wraparound Childcare Provision**				
This session is designed to support wraparound providers in developing sustainable, high-quality provision that meets the needs of families. This briefing is being delivered by Kellie Rust, Director of Essex After School Clubs **BOOKING LINK SUSTAINABLE WRAPAROUND PROVISION**	Monday 23 November	7:00pm to 8:30pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

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Course Briefing	Date	Time	Venue/ Online	Cost
Paediatric First Aid course PFA10				
12 hours blended learning Paediatric First Aid training which entails : ○ 6 hours self-directed online learning ○ 6 hours practical face to face session **BOOKING LINK PFA 10**	Wednesday 2 December	9.30am to 4.30pm for the practical session	Willenhall Education and Training Centre	Coventry childcare providers - **£88** Non-Coventry based providers **£103** **Eventbrite booking fee applies**

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Recruitment and Retention of Staff in Early Years and Wraparound Provisions				
The session led by Alex, founder of Marmalade Early Years Consultancy will equip leaders with realistic, actionable strategies to build a positive culture, support staff well-being, implement robust safer recruitment, and deliver effective professional development. **BOOKING LINK RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**	Tuesday 8 December	6:30pm to 8:00pm	Online via Teams	**FREE** *£10 non-attendance fee applies. **See Terms and Conditions**

Early years child development training

This free online training is designed to build and improve your understanding of child development. It provides practical tips and ideas to use in your setting to help children aged 0-5 years



Who this training is for? This training is for practitioners working with children in any type of early years setting, including:

- childminders
- nursery practitioners
- reception teachers and teaching assistants

The training is for anyone who is new to early years and looking to build their child development knowledge. However, it is also useful for anyone looking to refresh their knowledge.

Modules : There are 8 modules, written by early years experts, that covers key areas of child development. The average completion time of each module is 2 hours, and you can complete these at your own pace.

Link to access training : Early years child development training : Supporting individual differences and needs