

## Updates – Spring 2022

### Transition Events

We are planning to resume face to face Transition Events this year as part of your support for children starting school. The dates are below, and schools are starting to book on via the Learning and Development Gateway.

Date	Time	Venue	Area	Link to Book
Thursday 19 May	2pm-5pm	Billingshurst Primary School	Billingshurst	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 25 May	9.30am-3.30pm	The Regis Centre	Bognor Regis	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Thursday 19 May	1pm-3pm	St Lawrence Primary School, Hurstpierpoint	Burgess Hill	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Tuesday 17 May	9am-12pm	Chichester Free School	Chichester	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Monday 16 May	9.30am-12.30pm	Broadfield Primary Academy	Crawley	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Thursday 19 May	2pm-5pm	Seymour Primary School	Crawley	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Monday 23 May	2pm-5pm	Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Primary School	Crawley	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 25 May	3.30pm-6.30pm	Blackwell Primary School	East Grinstead	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 18 May	2pm-5pm	Warden Park Primary Academy	Haywards Heath	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Tuesday 17 May	2pm-5pm	Castlewood Primary School	Horsham	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 18 May	11am-1pm	The Wickbourne Centre	Littlehampton	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 25 May	1.30pm-4.30pm	Seal Primary School	Manhood	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Monday 23 May	4pm-7pm	Midhurst Primary School	Midhurst	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Monday 23 May	2pm-5pm	St Marys Primary School	Pulborough	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Monday 16 May	10am-1pm	The Needles CFC	Roffey	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Tuesday 17 May	9am-11am	The Glebe Primary School	Shoreham/ Southwick	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Thursday 26 May	4pm-6pm	Southbourne Village Hall	Southbourne	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 18 May	3.30pm-6.30pm	Springfield Infant School	Worthing	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>
Wednesday 25 May	2pm-5pm	Vale School	Worthing	<a href="#">Click here to Book</a>

This year at the Transition Events, we will ask early years providers to leave a copy of the information they have shared with schools about their children. This will enable us to work more effectively with you to provide additional support for some of the most vulnerable children. Please make sure that the information you are sharing with schools has also been shared with families and

that families are aware of the [Privacy Notice for parents accessing early years and childcare provision](#).

More information, including updated templates, is available on our website - [Early years transitions - West Sussex County Council](#)

### **Safeguarding Updates**

We have had a few concerns raised about settings who may have left some safeguarding practices slip during COVID-19. For example:

- Safer recruitment practices
- Timely sharing of safeguarding concerns
- Policies not followed through in practice
- Poor practice leading to children being at risk e.g. choking hazards

Some of this has had an impact on the wellbeing of children and has led to Ofsted visits and LADO investigations which have an impact on staff and setting reputation.

Please make sure that your policies are up to date and followed through in practice in your setting.

We are also aware of settings in some local authorities where settings have received an Inadequate rating as not all staff are aware of issues around Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and child abuse linked to faith and belief – in particular, abuse linked to witchcraft and spirit possession. Although these cases are rare, it is crucial that staff are aware and can spot the signs and deal with any incidents appropriately. Please make sure that all staff have up to date safeguarding training and that they are all confident in their role and responsibilities in keeping children safe and supporting their wellbeing.

For more information please see [Female Genital Mutilation \(FGM\) - \(westsussexscp.org.uk\)](#), [Child Sexual Exploitation \(CSE\) - \(westsussexscp.org.uk\)](#) and [Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief - \(westsussexscp.org.uk\)](#).

Staff also need to be aware of, and Ofsted may also ask about, 'County Lines'

<https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/what-we-do/crime-threats/drug-trafficking/county-lines>

Please see upcoming training - <https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/modern-slavery-and-human-trafficking-serious-organised-crime-including-county-lines-training-coming-up>

### **New government resource to help keep children safe from sexual abuse**

It's estimated that one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn sixteen. That's equivalent to three in every classroom.

Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if concerned. The government's new [Stop Abuse Together](#) website can help you learn to spot the signs and know when it's right to reach out for more support.

If you feel something's not right, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. No matter what's happened, there's always someone who will listen to you and take what you say seriously.

All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe. Let's stop abuse together.

### **Pulse survey for Department for Education on COVID issues affecting the childcare and early years sector**



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## Training Course Reminders



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