



Second newsletter September 2024

We are delighted to inform you that the Stronger Practice Hub programme is continuing until the end of March 2025, this gives us more time to support early years settings across these areas Kent, Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex, Isle of Wight, Brighton and Hove and Medway.

Within early years we all like to visit other settings, not only to improve our own practice, but to network and share ideas. We are proud of our 'settings with inspirational practice' who welcome you to visit them. If you would like to visit one of these settings, **please email us** and give us the number of the setting shown below. We will then pass on your details to the setting who will contact you.

- 1.** Discovery Day Nursery in Parkwood, Maidstone, Kent is the Lead Partner for KEYSPH. They are proud of the support they provide for their families, particularly those with children with high levels of SEND. They are committed to support every child with very best practice.
- 2.** Northfleet Nursery School is a Hub partner. They are passionate about the difference that they are making for their children and would welcome early years settings, childminders and schools to come and visit them. They also delivered the Maths Mastery webinar and are happy to show others how it works in practice.
- 3.** Our Hub partner Gem is a childminder with a difference. She has access to a woodland area for her children to explore. She is keen to support other childminders especially with offering ideas how to provide opportunities for childminders to embrace outdoor learning.

- 4.** A full day care nursery in Maidstone has a fantastic baby room space for three months – two years. Its full of heuristic resources and large exploratory play spaces for the children to explore. It recently went through a complete change, and we are very proud of this. The environment in our two–four-year-old space is equally amazing, and we welcome you to visit us.
- 5.** An all year round nursery in Swanley have a fantastic outdoor area. The garden is full of interesting play spaces including a large sand pit, growing area, natural bug hunters' area, story corner and much more. They are proud of the work that they do and welcome you to visit.
- 6.** A six times rated Outstanding nursery in Dartford in Kent. Rightly proud of their strong and dedicated team. The manager/owner ensures that she provides the right support and training for her staff that makes a difference to her setting. This is an awe-inspiring forest school with a holiday club.
- 7.** A wonderful pack away setting based in Canterbury in Kent. They have recently achieved an outstanding rating and are willing to share their work around communication and language strategies and focused vocabulary with introduction of three new words each week.
- 8.** Based in Southborough in Kent, this fantastic setting is happy to talk to settings about how they implement their planning and curriculum in their setting. they have outcomes with high expectations for both staff and children. They have an experienced team to support children with SEN.
- 9.** An outstanding setting in Boughton in Kent with a highly experienced Manager is keen to share long-term practice with others. In particular, the inspirational learning environment and work with families.
- 10.** An outstanding pack away setting based in Ashford in Kent is proud of the work they do to support their families as well as their routine at snack time. They and are happy to share with others.
- 11.** A wonderful setting based in Folkestone, Kent who are happy to open their setting to other early years settings. They have good routines, lovely staff interaction and always plan to ensure their children's needs are met.
- 12.** This is a lovely setting you will want to visit, based within a school site, this all year round nursery caters for babies and children up to four years. The staff are very supportive towards the children's needs and the inspirational environment is warm and friendly. They are located in Canterbury in Kent.
- 13.** Two outstanding nurseries under the same ownership, they are based in Birchington in Kent, they have a wonderful forest school and are able to train settings to be accredited Forest Schools. These nurseries are really community focused and invite other organisations to use their amazing facilities.
- 14.** Near Faversham in Kent you will find a term time nursery with a wonderful outside space. An experienced team led by a passionate leader creates a calming learning environment with high

expectations for all children. Everything in place has been well thought out and with great care, definitely one for you to visit.

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We also have a list of childminders, settings and maintained nurseries that will be sharing their practice with us in different ways, either through blogs, vlogs, filming or photos. We will be promoting this in our social media posts, bitesize workshops and newsletters.

It is not too late to join us in sharing your practice. These settings are from Kent but if you are from one of the other local authority areas and would like to become involved, **please email us.**

Settings of Inspirational Practice

One of our settings of inspirational practice has shared this blog called **'Who loves a cardboard box?'** It is a fascinating read from a passionate nursery owner who says "Please see the world through children's eyes, be on their agenda, and not anyone else's. We all need to feel it to make it real. We have one chance to get this right for each child. Be brave, be bold and be different."

Early Years Online Child Development Training

This training course will give you a thorough understanding of the most important aspects of child development in the early years, including reception years. **Early Years Development Training**

Please give us feedback. If you have questions on the work of KEYSPH, or you would like to become involved or receive some support then **please email us.**

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