

Early Years Meetings and Training 2026-2027



Booking a place

Please note that booking for these meetings is now done via Microsoft Forms. Once you have booked onto a meeting, please remember to save the date and put it into your diary as we are unable to send out reminders.



Early Years Quality Assurance Meetings and Training



Day Nursery and Pre School Manager's Meetings

Held at Community Room, The Phoenix Centre, Mollison Drive, Wallington, SM6 9NZ

Autumn

Wednesday 30th September 2026 - 9.30am-11.30am

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ak71d6uZvG?origin=lprLink>

Spring

Wednesday 26th January 2027 - 9:30am-11:30am

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Sjfc2iy2i1?origin=lprLink>

Summer

Tuesday 18th May 2027 1pm-3pm

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/E8hspF3Uta?origin=lprLink>



The setting manager is expected to attend this meeting to ensure they are aware of local and national updates.

Foundation Stage Leader Meetings

(for schools only)

Held at Creative Room, Cognus, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington

Autumn Term

Wednesday 30th September - 4pm-5:30pm

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/LcgCHptAA0?origin=lprLink>

Spring Term

Monday 25th January 2027 4pm-5:30pm

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/NH2bH5d71K?origin=lprLink>

Summer Term

Monday 17th May 2027 4pm-5:30pm

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/3ZRBHsnAJG?origin=lprLink>



EYFSP Assessment Support

(for schools only)

The EYFSP Support meetings are held in Sutton schools to allow Reception teachers to share best practice by visiting other early years environments. They also provide the opportunity to develop knowledge of the Early Learning Goals and build confidence to make judgements.

Autumn Term-

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 4-5.30pm, Beddington Park Academy, Mallinson Road, Croydon, CR0 4UL
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/bVmJ5nt1qZ?origin=lprLink>

Spring Term-

Wednesday 10th February 2027 at 4-5.30pm Brookfield Primary Academy, Ridge Road, Sutton, SM3 9LY
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/mmMX50ZNfN?origin=lprLink>

Summer Term-

Wednesday 28th April 2027 at 4.00-5.30pm Venue TBC
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7y5Qa3YnDq?origin=lprLink>



EYFS Adviser Training

Held at Creative Room, Cognus, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington

Learning and Development for Under 2s

Wednesday 16th September 2026 9am-12pm

Develop a greater understanding of the elements that contribute to the importance of baby and toddler development and gain ideas how to implement best practice in a Baby room

<https://suttontraining.event-booking.org/event-detail/%3DUDO1QzM/COGNUS---Learning-and-Development-for-Under-2s-2026>

Developing the Environment using ITERS and ECERS

Tuesday 1st December 2026 1.30pm-4.30pm

This course gives Early Years practitioners a strong understanding of the ITERS and ECERS audits and how they can be used to develop practice in their setting.

<https://suttontraining.event-booking.org/event-detail/%3DYDO1QzM/COGNUS---Developing-the-environment-using-ITERS-and-ECERS>



Early Years SEND Meetings and Training



SENCO Network Meetings

Held at Community Room, The Phoenix Centre, Mollison Drive, Wallington, SM6 9NZ

Autumn

Wednesday 21st October 2026 12.30pm-3pm

Cognus Early Years SENCO Network Meeting- Autumn 2026 – Fill in form

Spring 1

Tuesday 23rd February 2027 9.30am-12pm

Cognus Early Years SENCO Network Meeting- Spring 1 2027 – Fill in form

Spring 2

Wednesday 21st April 2027 12.30pm-3pm

Cognus Early Years SENCO Network Meeting- Spring 2 2027 – Fill in form

Summer

Wednesday 9th June 2027 9.30am-12pm

Cognus Early Years SENCO Network Meeting- Summer 2027 – Fill in form



The setting manager or SENCO are expected to attend this meeting to ensure they are aware of local and national updates

SEND Surgeries

These are virtual drop-in sessions to give settings and childminders an opportunity to talk through concerns about children with the EYS SEND Advisers. You will be given a 15-minute slot.

Autumn 1

Wednesday 28th October 2026 – 1pm-3pm

[Cognus Early Years SEND Surgery Autumn 1 – Fill in form](#)

Autumn 2

Tuesday 1st December 2026 – 10am-12pm

[Cognus Early Years SEND Surgery Autumn 2 – Fill in form](#)

Spring

Wednesday 10th February 2027 – 1pm-3pm

[Cognus Early Years SEND Surgery Spring – Fill in form](#)

Summer

Tuesday 4th May 2026 - 10am-12pm

[Cognus Early Years SEND Surgery Summer – Fill in form](#)



SEND Adviser Training

Held at Creative Room, Cognus, Cantium House, Railway Approach, Wallington

Adapting the curriculum and environment to support children with SEND

A two-part session for early years practitioners focused on how to adapt the environment and curriculum to meet the needs of children with SEND.

Part 1: Adapting the Environment to support children with SEND

Monday 11th January 9.30am-12.30pm

and

Part 2: Adapting the Curriculum to support children with SEND

Monday 8th February 9.30am-12.30pm

Adapting the Environment and Curriculum to Support Children with SEND 2 Parts – Fill in form



Further SEND Training

EYS SENCO's New to Role (for PVI settings only)

We can offer a 2-hour session at your setting to support SENCO's that are new to role.

Please contact your SEND adviser directly.



Bespoke Training

We can offer bespoke training to individual or groups of settings in Sutton. This includes childminders if there are a group of you that would like the same training.

It could be training on general SEND good practice or on an area of need that has been identified. Training can be run on inset days or in the afternoons/evenings. We also have limited Saturday mornings available as well.

Please contact Debbie McHugh on 020 8078 5623 or debbie.mchugh@cognus.org.uk for more details.

Contact Us

If you need any advice, would like a visit or have concerns, then please contact us...



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