

# Early Years Stronger Practice Adviser (EYSPA) (Childminder)



## Day Rate Release from Your Current Setting

**Training Start Date:** September 2026

**Funding:** £400 per day release funding paid directly to your employing setting

**Closing Date:** Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

## Help shape the future of Early Years across London

Are you an experienced early years leader who is passionate about improving practice beyond your own setting?

Mount Stewart School is proud to lead the **Early Years Stronger Practice Hub (EYSPH)** across:

- Brent
- Harrow
- Merton
- Wandsworth
- Hammersmith and Fulham

We are seeking an outstanding **childminder** to join our team of **Early Years Stronger Practice Advisers (EYSPAs)**.

This is an exciting opportunity to work alongside one of England's designated **Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs**, supporting early years leaders and educators to improve the quality of education through coaching, mentoring and evidence-informed practice.

The role is delivered through **day-rate release from your current setting**, enabling you to continue in your existing role whilst influencing practice across the wider sector.

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## About the role

Working alongside the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub team, you will:

1. provide bespoke coaching and mentoring to early years settings
2. build strong professional relationships with leaders and practitioners
3. model outstanding early years practice
4. support settings to embed evidence-informed approaches
5. improve outcomes for children, particularly those experiencing disadvantage, SEND and EAL
6. contribute to the Government's **Best Start in Life** ambitions
7. become part of a growing network of highly skilled advisers across London.

**We're looking for practitioners who:**

- Have at least **three years experience** as a childminder or in a childminder setting and **currently** working in an early years setting that is Ofsted rated 'good' or 'outstanding' (or expected standard and above in all areas under the new Ofsted Inspection framework) and include working with children across the age range of 0-4. This should include some leadership experience. Ideally you will be working in a childminder setting but we will accept applications from those currently working in a group-based setting if the person holds recent childminder experience.
- We will also accept applications from staff **currently** working in early years roles within Local Authorities (LAs).
- have leadership experience within early years
- have experience of coaching, mentoring or supporting colleagues
- have excellent knowledge of child development and the EYFS
- are passionate about improving outcomes for all children
- have the support of their current employer to undertake the role.

**We can offer you:**

- nationally funded professional development
- high-quality training before programme delivery begins
- the opportunity to work across **five London boroughs**
- collaboration with local authorities, Family Hubs, maintained nursery schools, schools, PVI's and childminders
- ongoing support from the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub leadership team
- opportunities to influence early years practice beyond your own organisation
- membership of a network of exceptional early years professionals.

**Time commitment**

The adviser role is undertaken through **day-rate release from your current setting**.

Successful applicants will:

- attend mandatory training between **September and December 2026**
- begin supporting settings from **January 2027**
- commit to approximately **14 funded days per school term**, including planning, coaching visits and hub development work
- travel across the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub area as required.

**Our Early Years Stronger Practice Hub**

Led by Mount Stewart School, the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub works in partnership with local authorities and education providers across:

**Brent | Harrow | Merton | Wandsworth | Hammersmith and Fulham**

Together we are committed to improving outcomes for every child through collaboration, professional development and evidence-informed practice.

### **How to apply**

Please complete the Department for Education **Expression of Interest** application form and submit this, together with your CV, to:

**[j.keane@tmss.org.uk](mailto:j.keane@tmss.org.uk)**

To obtain a copy of the Expression of Interest application form, please email:

**[j.keane@tmss.org.uk](mailto:j.keane@tmss.org.uk)**

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact:

**Jacqueline Keane – [j.keane@tmss.org.uk](mailto:j.keane@tmss.org.uk)**

**Charlotte Carey – [c.carey@tmss.org.uk](mailto:c.carey@tmss.org.uk)**

### **Key Dates**

**Closing Date: Friday, 31st July 2026**

**Interviews:** We reserve the right to interview and appoint a suitable candidate prior to the closing date. Early applications are therefore encouraged, as we may close the vacancy once a successful appointment has been made.

**Training Begins:** 3 days of face-to-face training between September- December 2026

**Programme Delivery:** January 2027

**Mount Stewart School and the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All appointments are subject to enhanced DBS clearance and satisfactory references.**

**We welcome applications from practitioners from all backgrounds and are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion.**