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**Title: Everything you need to know about child development and play based pedagogy for learning**

**Course overview:** This 9 part course will give you a greater insight into the implementation of high quality play pedagogy, child development and its links to learning.

You will learn about the role that physical, linguistic, cognitive, social, and emotional development play throughout early childhood and will explore the complex influences that shape the lives of children including how play supports children’s development and learning, and the impact of enabling adults and effective environments, and how these can look in practice.

Particular focus will be paid to how adults can assess and support the learning of young children in developmentally appropriate, naturalistic ways, through play and meaningful real-life experiences.

In these nine sessions, Kym will take delegates through a journey of establishing what children really need from their settings and schools to support their learning; how they develop; what to look for when observing children’s play, and how to use the information gained to impact on children’s learning both immediately and going forward.

Practitioners will gain a blend of child development theory, neuroscientific insights, literacy and mathematics subject knowledge, strong pedagogy in terms of the environment and the adult role, and lots of practical examples of what excellent play-based practice looks like in reality, through numerous videos and photos. There will be opportunities for interaction, reflection, questions and the sharing of good practice, plus a gap task between each session.

**Target audience:** All practitioners and leaders working in EYCs, schools, and daycare with children from 0-8.

Mon 18th September 2023 4-5.30pm

Session 1 Play, assessment and learning

* Play versus playful learning – getting the balance right
* Observational assessment – why, what, when, how.
* Using this information to inform planning, both in the moment and in the future.

Mon 23rd October 2023 4-5.30pm

Session 2 Engaging environments

* Providing indoor and outdoor learning environments that promote high quality play
* How to ensure children are challenged through what the environment affords
* Practical ideas for low cost/no cost resourcing

Mon 20th November 2023 4-5.30pm

Session 3 Enabling adults and their role in supporting children’s play

* Maximising teachable moments to extend learning
* What does a high quality interaction look like?
* A step by step guide to analysing and improving interactions

Mon 4th December 4-5.30pm

Session 4 Emotional Development

* The role of well-being in learning
* How self-regulation develops & the adult role as co- regulator
* Ensuring a relationship-based approach to supporting positive behaviour

Mon 22nd January 4-5.30pm

Session 5 Social Development

* Stages of social development in play
* The importance of belonging
* Supporting children to become part of a group
* Conflict resolution

Mon 5th February 4-5.30pm

Session 6 Language

* How language develops
* Stages of language development
* What adults do that supports language development
* Speech, language & communication difficulties

Mon 4th March 4-5.30pm

Session 7 Cognitive Development

* How children think and learn
* Metacognition and executive functioning
* Exploring patterns in play - schemas
* How adults, experiences & environments support cognitive development

Mon 22nd April 4-5.30pm

Session 8 Physical Development/Outdoor learning

* The relationship between physical growth and development
* Supporting physical development through play
* The importance of the outdoors for learning and development
* Providing challenge in outdoor learning

Mon 20th May 4-5.30pm

Session 9 Literacy and mathematics

* The developmental stages of early writing
* How reading develops
* Mathematical concepts that provide a solid foundation
* Supporting these aspects through play-based practice

**About Kym**:

Kym is an established conference speaker, trainer and consultant in the field of early years education. She began her career over 30 years ago, working in a rural pre-school and then as a nanny in London before going on to train as a teacher. She went on to head up the Early Years team at Lewisham council, with responsibility for the quality of education and care of all children from birth to 5 across the authority.

She is now a freelance consultant, working with schools and settings across the UK and overseas. As well as running her own online early years professional learning platform, The Place to Learn, Kym is also co-founder of PressPlay, an international learning network that supports schools to take play into primary age phase and beyond. She is a passionate advocate of play and the impact that high quality relationships, interactions and learning environments have on children’s learning and life chances. A key feature of Kym’s work is her ability to adapt her work carefully to her specific audience, incorporating local curricula, documentation, and issues. As a result, she is in demand as a speaker in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland as well as in the international community.

**Testimonial:**

*“I am so pleased that my staff and I have had the opportunity to attend the training provided by Kym Scott this year. Her approach is full of respect for her audience, and is teeming with appropriately sourced research, and examples showing the journey(s) that children undergo from birth, through the early years. It has been a revelation to attend training which has not only built my confidence, but also empowered me and my staff to continue in the direction that we were already heading. It is rare that I feel so excited and energised by yet another evening online training course, and I feel that every single practitioner working with early years and primary aged children should attend her course, in order to remind themselves what their purpose is in the classroom/setting.”*

 **Jenny Clowser, Cylch Meithrin Llanfairtalhaiarn, Llanfairtalhaiarn, Wales**