

## **POCKET-SIZED 'Fostering Independence'**

**Course Overview:** This hour-long session explores the importance of fostering independence in early years. This explores how we can ensure we provide the best opportunities to allow children to become independent in themselves and how we can support and develop children to think independently. This course includes plenty of ideas for you to explore and to reflect on your current practice. An ideas sheet to support your environment and daily practice will also be included.

**Delivered By:** Lucy Stevens

## **POCKET-SIZED 'Road to Reception'**

**Course Overview:** This hour-long session will look at how you can support the child, develop a plan for every term in the school year to aid the school countdown both with parents and the child, and understand the skills that the children really need. It will also include a handout for parents on helping their child be ready for reception. This session is ideal for those who want to support parents as well as put everything in place in the setting to give every child the best start on their school adventure.

**Delivered By:** Lucy Stevens

## **POCKET-SIZED 'Mark Making Matters'**

**Course Overview:** This hour-long session looks at why mark making matters and why getting children ready to write is crucial in the early years. This provides you with the knowledge of child development so that the children can develop the muscles needed to be ready to write and successful as they progress. We will also look at what children need to do prior to becoming great writers. This course includes plenty of ideas to provide a varied range of mark making in and outdoors. An ideas sheet to develop mark making in your setting will also be included.

**Delivered By:** Lucy Stevens

## **'Exploring Imaginative Play with Tamsin Grimmer'**

**Course Overview:** To assist staff to ignite and sustain imaginative play in children whilst managing expectations of children post pandemic. During the session we will:

- Consider how we can build on children's experiences and foster their imagination
- Explore the role of the adult in igniting and sustaining imaginative play
- Share practice and gather some new and interesting ideas which you can take away and implement in your setting.

Suitable For: Anyone working or volunteering within an early years setting.

**Delivered By:** Tamsin Grimmer