

# Early Years Key Messages

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please share Key Messages with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages available at: <https://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-key-messages>

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## **Two-Year-Old Funding for Families receiving some form of Government support**

Applications for two-year-olds of families receiving some form of Government support are still to be made via the North Yorkshire Council website. [Early years funding for 2 year olds | North Yorkshire Council](#) The eligibility criteria for this funding has not changed and parents do not need to reconfirm their code once it has been received.

## **Two-Year-Old Funding for Working Families**

Applications for the new two-year-old funding for children of working families from April 2024 are to be completed on the GOV.uk website. [Check you're eligible for free childcare if you're working - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Parents will need to reconfirm their codes every three months in the same way that they would for the three- and four-year-old working entitlement.

## **Sufficiency Tab**

The Sufficiency Tab is open on the Provider Portal and will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that you complete the Sufficiency Tab for all provisions that you may have. The information you provide is invaluable as it allows the Local Authority to have a clear overview of sufficiency within the county.

## **Early Years Expansion of Childcare Support Surveys**

If you have not yet completed the Early Years Expansion of Childcare Support Survey, please complete it by 8am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. [Early Years Expansion of Childcare Support Survey - Providers \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

We would also be grateful if you could please share the snap survey link below with families in your provision and ask them to complete it. [Early Years Expansion of Childcare Support Survey - Parents \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

## **2024/25 Early Years Funding Consultation**

The Early Years Funding Consultation for 2024/2025 is now live. Please complete the survey below before 5pm on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. (Attachment One)

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/7n6lfa>

### **Spring Term 2024 Headcount and Census**

Please ensure that you return headcounts and census forms on the Provider Portal by 5pm on 19<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Disability Access Funding (DAF) Spring Term Claims**

Please be aware that the deadline for providing supporting evidence for claims for the Spring term is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### **Compulsory School age for early years children**

Children are entitled to a full-time school place in the September following their fourth birthday and parents may request that their child's school place is deferred. Requests to defer must be made by parents to NYC School Admissions. If a child remains in an early years setting until their compulsory school age, early years government funding will **cease** when the child reaches compulsory school age. A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are 31<sup>st</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Dingley's Promise**

Dingley's Promise is continuing to develop work around **Transitions** and will be hosting a **webinar on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1pm - 3pm**. If you would like to attend, please register using this link [Transitions Webinar 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1pm-3pm Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

### **NYC Health Protection Update January 2024**

At this time of year, we can expect to see an increase in seasonal viruses and infections such as COVID-19, flu and norovirus. Under current national guidance parents are encouraged to send children to their childcare provider if they exhibit mild respiratory symptoms, to maintain attendance. Such mild symptoms encompass a runny nose, sore throat, or a slight cough, which unfortunately in some cases may also be indicative of COVID-19 infection. Maintaining good indoor air quality is key to preventing the spread of airborne infections such as COVID-19 and flu. Practicing good respiratory hygiene (i.e. 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it') will also help reduce transmission.