Early Years Key Messages

3rd November 2026

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

NYC Updated Education, Childcare and Social Care Setting Emergency Plan
NYSCP Annual Report 2025-2026
NYC SENDIASS Parent, Carer Information sessions and Information Pack
Best Practice Network- Supporting children with SEND webinar
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Early Years Funding Update

NYC Updated Education, Childcare and Social Care Setting Emergency Plan

NYC Resilience and Emergencies Team have reviewed and updated the Education, Childcare and Social Care Setting Emergency Plan. The plan and supporting resources are available on the Education Settings Emergency Plan | CYPSinfo including guidance, risk assessment and business continuity templates, scenario action cards, useful contacts and tabletop exercises. This plan has been aligned to guidance from the Department for Education and can be used within the following settings:

- early years;
- wraparound childcare and out of school settings;
- children's social care residential providers;
- schools;
- further education;
- higher education;
- SEND and specialist settings.

North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report 2025-2026

Now published - please familiarise yourselves with this report including the audits and the Insight to Impact pages. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, (NYSCP) Annual Report 2025-2026

NYC SENDIASS Parent, Carer Information sessions and Information Pack

SENDIASS North Yorkshire is a statutory service that provides information and advice on SEND policy, process and law to parents, carers of children with special educational needs or a disability or to young people with a special educational needs or disability up to the age of 25. Please share the attached information with your parents. **Attachment 1 &2**

Best Practice Network - Supporting children with SEND webinar

Join the upcoming webinar on Thursday 26th November at 12:15pm to explore why a whole-team approach to SEND matters. In strong early years settings, every member of the team has the confidence, knowledge and practical skills to recognise needs, adapt their practice and support children effectively.

Best Practice Network expert panel will explore:

- How investing in staff development can strengthen inclusive practice across your setting
- Training and development opportunities from the Best Practice Network
- Early Years SENCO Level 3 qualification
- Early Years Speech and Language Apprenticeship
- Programmes that can help practitioners build the skills they need to support every child. Register for the free webinar.

Dingley's Promise Inclusion Support

Dingley's Promise have developed a Reflection Framework to enable early years providers to explore how inclusion is implemented within your provision Reflective Framework - Dingley's Promise There is also a wealth of information resources for providers available at Resources for Educators - Dingley's Promise

Dingley's Promise Inclusion Training

If you were unable to take advantage of the fully funded training offered by the local authority in partnership with Dingley's Promise, there are still fully funded SEND CPD courses available to all early years providers. These courses cover three key areas of SEND practice and are designed to support inclusive, high-quality provision for all children. For further information and to register Early Years CPD Training - Dingley's Promise

Winter Readiness Webinar – 9th November

The DfE is hosting a winter readiness webinar for education settings on Monday 9 November 2026, from 16:00 to 17:30. This free session will include practical advice to help settings prepare for winter, support attendance and protect the wellbeing of children and staff. To find out more about seasonal resilience risks and useful resources Winter Readiness Webinar Tickets

Coram Pacey Webinar for Childminders – Making tax digital for childminders

Coram Pacey is holding webinar on 12th November at 7pm to support childminders stay compliant with HMRC requirements. Sign up Making tax digital for childminders: Staying compliant and managing your records - Coram PACEY

EARLY YEARS FUNDING UPDATE

Important Information and actions for all Early Years Providers.
Please ensure this information is shared with all relevant staff.

AUTUMN TERM ACTION CHECKLIST

Action Required	Complete
Provider Briefing Sessions taking place – request teams Invite to attend either 1pm or 7pm session on Tuesday 3rd November. Send email to eyft@northyorks.gov.uk with school name, name of person attending, email address to send teams invite to and which session you would like to attend.	☐
If wishing to make an **after-headcount** claim, please follow guidance here After Headcount Guidance Autumn 2026.pdf and contact Funding Team before 7th December	☐
Ensure that your charging policy follows the statutory guidance - Early education and childcare - GOV.UK	☐

KEY DATES AT A GLANCE

Activity	Date

Provider Briefing Sessions at 1pm & 7pm, Tuesday 3rd November 2026. Please contact eyft with the details above if you would like to attend.	**Monday 2nd November**
After-Headcount Claims – for children who have joined your provision from 2 October 2026 and up to the week commencing 7th December 2026, and who meet the criteria as stated in the **After Headcount Guidance Autumn 2026.pdf**	**Friday 11th December**

COMPLIANCE

✅ **Compliance Checks completed on sample**

- Veritau have now completed the compliance checks and the selected providers will be contacted in due course where actions are required.

✅ **All providers must ensure compliance with DfE statutory guidance, including:**

- **No artificial breaks:** Children should be able to access their funded hours in continuous blocks where desired. Providers **must not create artificial breaks** within funded sessions, such as offering funded hours from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm, with only paid hours available between 12pm and 1pm.
- **Invoicing:** Invoices must clearly show date, parent name, period of time it covers including funded hours as **£0 at the point of delivery**, with any charges for non-funded hours or consumables listed separately and transparently.
- **Deposit:** Providers cannot charge non-refundable deposits as a condition of taking up a child's entitlement place. Refundable deposits can be used by providers, and can then be retained by a provider, if the parent does not take up their funded place by headcount week**.**
- **Notice Periods:** Providers cannot impose a charge for funded hours within a notice period, if a parent is moving their child from your setting, before headcount week. Providers can however still charge for items not covered by government funding within any notice period.