

Early Years Key Messages

16th April 2025

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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Reminder - Coram Family and Childcare's Holiday Childcare Survey 2025

Please could all schools and providers complete Annual Holiday Childcare Survey using the link below. The average time to complete the survey is just 5 minutes. <https://forms.office.com/e/rDt8FqT886>

Individual providers will not be named in the local authority response to Coram. The figures will be used by the UK government, by the media, some providers and research organisations.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey. The responses so far really are appreciated. Please could all responses be submitted no later than **11.45pm on Thursday 24th April 2025**.

Thank you for submitting sufficiency data

A big thank you to everyone who submitted their sufficiency data for Summer 2025/26 term. The information you supply allows North Yorkshire Council to get an accurate picture of the childcare market. This enables us to support the government's expansion programme to ensure all children receive a high-quality early years education.

Reminder – Two-Year-Old Funding Codes

Please note that the 6 digits Two Year Old Additional Benefits Codes (previously Disadvantaged Funding Codes) **do not** need to be applied for every 3 months. These remain valid until the end of the term that the child turns 3 years old.

EYFS Safeguarding Reforms September 2025 – Summary of Changes

EYFS safeguarding reforms summary of changes document sets out the planned changes to the existing EYFS requirements and states where the changes apply to childminders or group/school based providers [Summary-of-EYFS-changes-for-publication-PDF.pdf](#)

Early Years Safeguarding Online Learning Session – 23rd April 2025

The next Early Years Safeguarding online learning session will take place on Wednesday, 23rd April from 1900 hrs – 2100 hrs. Please see the link to book on via NYES. The masterclass is free to attend and available for all staff working in Early Years. [NYSCP Developments in Safeguarding, Early Years Learning Session \(Previously Masterclass\) | NYES Info](#)

Managing Allergies – statutory safeguarding duty

The DfE is encouraging all settings and schools to use the free resources available on the Allergy School website to support children and staff with food allergies feel safe and supported [Allergy School](#) Please use this resource as part of the statutory duty to manage allergy risks as set out in the EYFS Statutory Framework.

Ofsted Consultation - Changes to Way Ofsted Inspect Early Years and Childcare Settings

The consultation is open for all Early Years and childcare providers to respond to Ofsted's proposed changes to the way educational settings are inspected. The consultation closed on 28th April and information and the consultation can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-way-ofsted-inspects-education>

Childcare Works - Maximising marketing and promoting for the Early Years and wraparound

Childcare Works are offering **Free** tool kits and guidance on everything you need to know to grow, market and promote your childcare provision. Designed to help providers to develop their marketing and promoting skills to support business growth and sustainability. The attached leaflet has content details including a QR code to scan for providers. (Attachment 1)

Please use the links below to access the Business Growth Tool Kits:

Early Years Toolkit – Business Growth: [Business Growth | childcareworks.org.uk/early-years-toolkit](https://childcareworks.org.uk/early-years-toolkit)

Wraparound Toolkit – Business Growth [Business Growth | childcareworks.org.uk/wraparound-toolkit](https://childcareworks.org.uk/wraparound-toolkit)

FREE Webinar - Supporting Early Years Education and care for Infants Under 2

A free webinar is available which will include practical advice and guidance for practitioners and nursery leaders about providing best education and care to babies and children under 2. The webinar will take place at 12:15pm to 1:15pm on Thursday 8th May. Please use the link below to register.

[Webinar: Supporting early education and care for infants under two by MA Exhibitions](#)

Dingley's Promise – Mark of Achievement Press Release

Please see a press release about four NYC early years providers who recently achieved the Dingley's Promise Mark Achievement Award. Many congratulations to those providers and to all those who are undertaking Dingley's Promise Inclusion training. Dingley's Promise is FREE for all early years and wraparound providers in NYC <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/news/2025/north-yorkshire-nurseries-recognised-inclusive-education-efforts>

New Level 3 Early Years & Playworker qualifications- Fully Funded

Are you or somebody in your team interested in completing a Level 3 qualification in Early Years or Playwork? Funding has been secured for North Yorkshire residents aged over 19 and earning under £25,000 to undertake the following fully funded qualifications:

- Early Years Qualification: TQUK Level 3 Diploma for the Children's Workforce (Early Year Educator) (RQF)
- Wraparound Childcare Qualification: NCFE Level 3 Diploma in Playwork

For further information and to enrol on the course, please contact Nicole Newiss in Adult Learning nicole.newiss@northyorks.gov.uk

NEW - NYC Facebook For Early Years and wraparound Childcare Providers

Reminder about our new Facebook page for **all** Early Years and Wraparound Childcare providers. We would like to invite all early years and wraparound staff, childminders, headteachers, managers and admin staff, to follow the page, so please share the details within your teams.

North Yorkshire Council Early Years Providers: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1GoWuGjKU1/>

Early Years Funding

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Summer Term 2025 Headcount – PORTAL OPEN

<p>Portal open between Monday 24th March 2025 – Friday 16th May 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ It is recommended that you submit your headcount as early as possible – changes can be made as many times as needed until the deadline. ✓ Please ensure you validate all eligibility codes for summer term before offering a funded place
<p>DAF Claims – DEADLINE Friday 16th May 2025</p> <p>Claims should be identified on the child record via the portal and evidence sent to the Early Years Funding Team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Guidance available here - Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPInfo
<p>Department for Education - Guidance on Charging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Further to the revised Statutory Guidance from the Department for Education, they have issued an updated FAQ for providers Statutory Guidance - Charging - FAQs (DfE 7 March 2025).pdf and an FAQ for Childminders FAQs for Childminders about Charging DfE - 27th March 2025.pdf. ✓ The DfE have also produced a 'Chargeable extras: template' Chargeable extras .docx to help providers give information on their websites about the: costs for all chargeable extras ✓ and pattern of hours that parents can take the entitlements. This should be used alongside ✓ the 'Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025)' guidance Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025) - GOV.UK.
<p>Early Years Expansion Grant Letter –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sent to all NYEY email addresses on 9th April 2025.
<p>Funding Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Revised guidance is available for the following via the link below Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPInfo ○ EYPP ○ Sample Parent Agreement ○ Termly headcount information Summer 2025 ○ Payment timetable ○ DfE Charging FAQs ○ Summer provider timetable