

Early Years Key Messages

1st 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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Sufficiency Tab Reminder

Final reminder that **all** Early Years childcare providers are required to submit termly Sufficiency Data via the Provider Portal. The deadline for submitting your Summer Term 2025/26 data is **Friday 4th April**. Follow up work will be carried out with all childcare providers who do not complete the Sufficiency Tab and this is linked to your next funding payment.

A step by step guidance sheet on how to enter data is attached. (**attachment 1**)

If you require additional assistance in submitting your sufficiency data, please contact Sarah Blake, Early Years Sufficiency Planning Officer on sarah.blake@northyorks.gov.uk.

North Yorkshire Early Years Childcare Survey

Please see below links to complete the Spring 2025 North Yorkshire Early Years Childcare Survey. To ensure the responses accurately represent the whole Early Years childcare sector across North Yorkshire. Your support completing the survey is greatly appreciated. Completion of the questions will take approximately 10 minutes.

There are two surveys available:

Childminders, please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/apHmCvdPLu>

Group Providers, please follow this link to complete the survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/bz63zYbTFA>

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday 4th April 2025. Thank you.

Early Years Safeguarding Online Learning Session

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 free to attend and is available for **all**

staff working in early years. [NYSCP Developments in Safeguarding, Early Years Learning Session \(Previously Masterclass\) | NYES Info](#)

Dingley's Promise – FREE Early Years Inclusion/SEND Training in North Yorkshire

Dingley's Promise provides **free**, excellent training for all Early Years Providers - Childminders, Preschool, Day Nursery and school EY staff in North Yorkshire Council as well as for service colleagues within the council. All courses are online and accessible at your own pace. The **free** training aims to empower all practitioners to deliver inclusive practices and to increase awareness of needs and confidence in supporting all children especially those with SEND to be able to access provision. For more information and how to register please follow these links [Early Years Inclusion Programme – Dingley's Promise](#) and <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme/>.

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

North Yorkshire FEAST- Free Holiday Activities

FEAST (Food, Entertainment, Arts, Sports, Together) provides children and young people from Reception to Year 11 across North Yorkshire an array of holiday activities and includes a **free** meal for families receiving benefit-related free school meals. See the attached poster for more information.

Book on here: [FEAST Activities - North Yorkshire Together](#) (Attachment 2)

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 Headteachers, Managers, Admins, Practitioners and anybody working within the Early Years or Wraparound childcare sector to follow the page, so please share the details within your teams.

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

Ofsted webinar for Early Years: improving the way Ofsted inspects education

The recording of the recent Ofsted 'Webinar for Early Years Providers: improving the way Ofsted inspects education' is now available on their YouTube channel. Watch it here <https://youtu.be/9CUx-DaXU0I?si=La5aSnI7cup6Qmaq>.

Please find attached the slides that accompanied the webinar. (Attachment 3)

NYSCP JTAI inspection report

We are pleased to share with you the inspection report from our recent Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) which took place across North Yorkshire from 20th January – 7th February 2025. The full framework of the inspection can be viewed here [Joint inspections of the response to children who are victims of domestic abuse - GOV.UK](#). (Attachment 4)

BBC Tiny Happy People Speech & Language Needs Survey

Please complete this quick survey all responses will remain anonymous and be combined with Early Years Professionals across the UK. This research will inform the development of the resources asking how you use and share resources within your settings and families.

<https://survey.rigourresearch.co.uk/wix/p945956217697.aspx?qs=12>

New 'School Readiness': definition

Nursery groups, organisations and charities have come together to define what they believe 'Being ready for reception' really means. All information and recommendations for parent, carers and families is now available on the new Starting Reception Website. [Home - Starting Reception](#)

Coram Annual family and childcare published report

The annual Coram report has been published and the DfE would like to express their thanks in delivering the

expanded childcare offer to date and look forward to collaborating on the delivery of the last milestone in September 2025 [Coram's Family and Childcare annual report](#)

Free Toilet Training Posters and Handouts

Foundation Years have supplied some free downloadable posters and handouts aimed to help and support parents with toilet training and help educators prepare children for using the toilet when they get to school. To access the posters and handouts: [Free Toilet Training Posters and Handouts for Early Years Settings and Parents - Foundation Years](#)

Childcare Choices campaign toolkit

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness of the financial support available and the benefits of early education. Childcare Choices partner communications toolkit features new leaflets, posters, and social graphics, and newsletter/blog copy that you can incorporate into your communications.

You can download the toolkit using this link [Guidance and resources | Childcare choices](#)

Foundation Years Newsletter

Foundation Years produce a regular newsletter with up-to-date information on a range of subjects all Early Years related. To receive their newsletter please subscribe at;

[Foundation Years - Latest news, policy and resources for early years professionals](#)

Early Years Funding

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Summer term 2025 headcount – PORTAL OPEN Portal open between Monday 24 th March 2025 – Friday 16 th May 2025. <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
DAF Claims – DEADLINE Friday 16th May 2025 Claims should be identified on the child record via the portal and evidence sent to the Early Years Funding Team. <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Guidance available here - Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPSinfo
Funding Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Revised guidance is available for the following via the link below Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPSinfo<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ EYPP○ Sample Parent Agreement○ Termly headcount information Summer 2025○ Payment timetable○ DfE Charging FAQs○ Summer provider timetable