

Early Years Key Messages

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Welcome to the latest Key Messages. Please ensure Key Messages is shared with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages can be found: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>

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Government Funded weeks for academic year 2020/2021

The funded weeks for the financial year 2020/2021 (Summer Term 2020 to Spring Term 2021) will be:- Summer 2020: 13 Funded Weeks (12 term time weeks)

Autumn 2020: 14 Funded Weeks (14 term time weeks)

Spring 2021: 11 Funded Weeks (11 term time weeks)

School term dates for 2020/2021 are less than 38 weeks. Funding will be provided for 38 weeks to all providers in 2020/2021. The exception will be those providers who routinely open for less than 38 weeks per year. For those providers who cannot open for 38 weeks due to the school term dates in 2020/2021 they can choose to open for 37 weeks on the understanding that, in a year where there are more than 38 weeks in the school year, they will be expected to provide the funded entitlement for an extra week with no additional funding.

DfE Consultation on raising Ofsted registration fees – Have your say!

Have your say on the proposal to increase the application fee and annual fee paid to Ofsted by childcare providers on the Early Years register. The consultation runs from 18 July to 9 October 2019. Have your say and take part in the consultation by accessing the link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-childcare-fees-regulations>

Ofsted Education Inspection Framework Webinar

To watch the recent Ofsted webinar regarding the new Ofsted Education Inspection Framework, click on the link:- https://foundationyears.org.uk/2019/06/webinar-recording-available-ofsted-education-inspection-framework/?utm_source=Foundation+Years&utm_campaign=bf1de64615-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_03_25_03_13_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8f9a6de061-bf1de64615-321633205&mc_cid=bf1de64615&mc_eid=4679c8b1a8

Timetable for the revised EYFS

The DfE has confirmed the amended timetable for the revised EYFS for early years settings from September 2021. The DfE is planning to allow schools to adopt the reforms from September 2020 on a voluntary basis.

Proposed Timetable: End 2019: Public consultation on revised EYFS. The DfE wants to work closely with the Early Years sector.

September 2021: Implementation of the revised EYFS for early years providers.

EY SEND Partnership – free workshops for parents

NYCC and the EY SEND Partnership have commissioned free workshops for parents who have children with additional needs. **Please can you promote this event with your families.** A flyer is attached for you to display in your provision. Attachment 1

Together for twos

A collection of resources are available to help practitioners develop their provision for working with two year old children

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/2-year-olds/>

Foundation Years newsletter- “Hungry Little Minds”

The DfE has launched a three year campaign called “Hungry Little Minds” to encourage parents to engage in activities that support their children’s early learning. Please see attachment 2 for the launch toolkit.

Sign up to receive the foundation years newsletter direct to your inbox:-

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/01/foundation-years-newsletters/>

Children’s Oral Health free e-learning training

A new free e-learning programme has been developed providing information and advice about children’s oral health. It is aimed at parents, early years providers, expectant mothers, teachers, nurses, GPs and the public. It aims to help learners support children to maintain good oral health and covers causes of tooth decay and simple actions that can be taken to prevent the problem. By the end of the 20 minute session users will have developed their knowledge of oral health and be more confident in providing children’s oral health advice.

Access this free training at: <https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/childrens-oral-health/>

Making Every Contact Count (MECC)

This is on line tool supporting intervention and signposting to a number of topics such as smoking, alcohol and health weight and includes national and regional resources. The link is:

<https://www.mecclink.co.uk/>

HENRY Oral Health Video

[Growing up with healthy teeth](#) is a free 2-part video to support knowledge of protecting children’s teeth and avoiding decay. Videos available from;

<https://www.henry.org.uk/videos> The HENRY ‘Healthy Start’ best practice handbook for

health and early years practitioners working with parents has also been updated with a new *Growing up with healthy teeth* chapter <https://www.henry.org.uk/>

PACEY – Childminding National Survey – Have your say!

Professional Association of Childcare and Early Years (PACEY) has launched an inquiry into Childminding in the 21st century. The ongoing decline in the number of registered childminders in England and Wales means that childminding is in danger. Have your say and use this link to complete the [national survey](#)

Safeguarding - Self harming behaviour and/or Suicidal Ideation Pathway

The purpose of the pathway is to improve the referral process and the coordination of information, advice, support and treatment for children and young people who self-harm and/or experience suicidal ideation. The pathway is primarily for frontline staff working with children and young people who:-

- Identify themselves as using self-harm as a coping strategy
- Require support as a result of disclosing self-harm, suicidal ideation and or previous suicide attempt.

To access the pathway visit: <http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/self-harm-suicide-prevention>

Safeguarding - Button Batteries

Please be aware of the continuing risks to children of button batteries. Where are yours?
#BeBatteryAware

“Imagination is more important than knowledge for knowledge is limited whereas imagination embraces the entire world” Albert Einstein