

Early Years Key Messages

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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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DfE Early Years Consultation - Funding Rates For Expansion Of Childcare

The government has released a [consultation into the funding rates and formula for 2 year olds](#) as part of the expansion of childcare announced in Spring Budget 2023. The link above takes you to a press release which has the link to the consultation within it. Responses are required to the consultation by **8th September 2023**. Make your voice heard and respond to the consultation.

DfE Expansion of Childcare Offer – Updated Childcare Information Pack

The DfE has updated the information pack about the expansion of the childcare offer from April 2024. Attachment 1.

Two-year-old Funding – Online Application Process

Families need to apply for two year old funding via the online application form at [Early years funding for 2 year olds | North Yorkshire Council](#) If further support is required, contact Families Information Service on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk Please **do not** use the term “Golden Ticket letter” with families as they think they do not need to apply. Following stricter data sharing agreements in 2021 between the DfE and all local authorities, the term and associated process of “Golden Ticket” letters has not been used in North Yorkshire.

EYFS Statutory Changes – September 2023

A reminder that, following a DfE consultation from July – September 2022 and confirmation published March 2023, the following changes to the EYFS Statutory Framework will come into force from 4th September 2023:

- a change to the current statutory minimum staff:child ratios in England for 2-year-olds from 1:4 to 1:5;
- clarifying that childminders can care for more than the currently-specified maximum of three young children, when caring for siblings of children they already care for, or when caring for their own child; and

- clarifying that “adequate supervision” while children are eating means that children must be within sight **and** hearing of an adult (rather than the current wording of “sight **or** hearing”).

An updated version of the EYFS (which will apply from 4 September 2023) is available on [GOV.UK website Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-framework-for-the-early-years-foundation-stage) alongside the current version of the EYFS (which still applies until 4 September 2023).

Management changes – notify FIS

Please notify FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk of any changes to manager, trustees, owners etc. to ensure our information is current. This ensures IT systems are accessible to the right people which enables your business to operate effectively and legally. This also includes having a valid funding agreement in place with the LA.

Dingley’s Promise – Free Early Years Inclusion/SEND Project

An amazing opportunity to take up **free** online inclusion training is available for all early years providers, parents and family facing professionals working with children aged 0 – 5 years old in North Yorkshire.

Dingley’s Promise, funded by Comic Relief, is providing **free** training for all early years providers (childminders, preschool staff, day nursery staff and early years staff in schools). It is also for NYC staff working in Early Help, Social Care, Foster Care and Inclusion as well as colleagues in Healthy Child Team and parents in North Yorkshire.

All courses are online and accessible at your own pace. The **free** training aims to empower early years practitioners to deliver inclusive practices through training and shared information/learning resources. Increasing awareness of needs and confidence in supporting all children, especially those with SEND, to access provision. The attached Dingley’s Promise leaflet gives more information.

Links to more information and to register: [Early Years Inclusion Programme – Dingley's Promise](https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme/) and <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme/>

The **free** training is available to all staff at all levels. Please share this with staff so everyone has the opportunity of taking part in this training. Attachment 2.

Early Years Free Safeguarding Masterclasses

The following dates are scheduled for the **free** early years safeguarding masterclasses on Teams. All early years providers including childminders and all staff working in group provision, not just managers and/or DSLs, are welcome to attend. School staff working in early years classes are welcome to attend.

Available to book on NYES - Course Code **NYS-OM-1023-T002** 25th October 2023: 1900 – 2100 hrs.
Save the date - 16th May 2024: 1900 – 2100 hrs
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Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit Tools

On the NYSCP website in the Resource Library you can find the Childminder Safeguarding self-assessment audit tool and the Group Provider Safeguarding self-assessment audit tool www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk to support you meet the safeguarding requirements of the EYFS statutory framework.

DfE Free Early Years Development Training

The DfE launched a **free** online child development training course for childminders and group practitioners and managers. The first five modules, beginning with child and brain development, are available now with a Maths module due early Autumn [Find out more about the training and enrol.](#)

DfE Help for Early Years Providers Website

There is a wealth of resources, information and advice covering a wide range of subjects on the DfE’s Help for Early Years Providers website [Help for early years providers - Department for Education](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/help-for-early-years-providers)

Ofsted EIF Guidance

A reminder that Ofsted updated the FAQ documents for inspections in January 2023. There are separate documents for registered early years providers, EYFS in schools and childminders and can be found at [Ofsted inspections: what EY providers and practitioners need to know - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-inspections-what-ey-providers-and-practitioners-need-to-know)

Ofsted Early Years Blog

Access the Ofsted blog for Early Years providers for up-to-date blogs from Ofsted [Ofsted: early years \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk/early-years)

Early Years Nutrition

The British Nutrition Foundation has a variety of information available on their website including healthy, sustainable diets and nutrition at different life stages. There is also the option to access paid for training [Our work - British Nutrition Foundation](#)