

Early Years Key Messages

1st August 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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EYFS Statutory Frameworks – from 1st September 2025

A reminder that the revised EYFS Statutory Frameworks will become effective from 1st September 2025. Providers should continue using the current frameworks until then.

EYFS Statutory Framework for childminders from 1st September 2025 - [Early years foundation stage statutory framework for childminders](#)

EYFS Statutory Framework for group providers and schools from 1st September 2025 - [EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers](#)

EYFS Statutory Framework Annex C – Criteria for effective safeguarding training

All providers must action the safeguarding training requirements for all staff as detailed in sections 1, 2 and 3 in Annex C of the EYFS Statutory Frameworks. Providers should note section 3 which details the additional elements for the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Early Years FREE Online Safeguarding Event – 8th October 2025

The next Early Years Online Safeguarding Event (previously known as the EY Safeguarding Masterclass) will be on Wednesday, 8th October from 1900 – 2100 hrs. This is **free** to attend, and EY staff are welcome. These events are intended to scaffold and extend existing safeguarding knowledge on a varied range of subjects, which may include local NYSCP updates, and which support continuing safeguarding CPD for the early years sector. Book on via NYES using course code NYS-OM-1025-T002.

HOLD THE DATES - The Early Years Online Safeguarding Events in 2026 will be 29th April and 14th October from 1900 – 2100 hrs.

Early Years FREE SENCO network meetings

The **Early Years SENCo network meetings** are on the following dates and are free to attend:-

15th October 2025: 0930 – 1130 or 1830 – 2000

4th February 2026: 0930 – 1130 or 1830 – 2000

10th June 2026: 0930 – 1130 or 1830 – 2000

Dingley's Promise – FREE Inclusion Training

Settings can now gain their very own Mark of Achievement to reflect their passion and commitment to inclusive practice in the early years. With the Mark of Achievement, your setting is recognised for embracing the training within your teams and as such, the dedication to transforming the lives of children with SEND. There are now **nine** settings in North Yorkshire who have received the Mark of Achievement.

Dingley's Promise use 40 years of experience working with children with SEND to create training resources to enhance skills, improve confidence and inspire early years educators to cultivate an inclusive environment for all children. This is FREE for NYC early years providers. BUT funding for training is now in its final year. Please sign up via the attached power point to take advantage of this amazing FREE training opportunity FOR ALL YOUR STAFF whilst it is still available. Attachment one

Ofsted – sector engagement webinars on education reforms

Ofsted has announced a programme of sector engagement sessions for when the final set of education inspection reforms are published. There are separate webinars for childminders, group based provision and out of schools. Sign up to an event [Education inspection framework: engagement programme - GOV.UK](#)

National Energy Action – FREE Training

National Energy Action are offering fully funded online training looking at the causes of fuel poverty and its impact on pregnancy, newborn babies and children aged under 5 years. Please see flyer for more details and how to book on this free training. Attachment two

DfE Parent Research

The Department for Education would like to speak to parents or carers of children aged between 0-5 years old, to understand more about how people find different information to help support their child/children. Please share the poster attached with parents and carers at your childcare provision. If any parent or carer would like to take part in this research, the information on how to do so can be found on the flyer. Attachment three

Measles

To protect staff and children from Measles, the MMR vaccine is the safest and most effective way to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Please encourage parents to take up the offer of vaccines for their children when they are due. For suspected cases of Measles in your setting, you should notify [notify your local health protection team](#) (HPT).

Guidance for education settings is available here: [Health protection in children and young people settings, including education - GOV.UK](#)

For more information on measles and vaccines please see this blog from UKHSA: [What is measles?](#) This toolkit contains materials and resources you may wish to share with parents or carers: [Measles - Google Drive](#)

National Literacy Trust “Words for Life” FREE Resources

Talking and listening to babies and children are key to building communication skills. “Little Moments Together” are free resources to share with staff and parents to give ideas for conversation during everyday moments. The resources are also available in two age groups (0 – 9 months and 10 – 24 months) and in different languages. [Little Moments Together Cards | Words for Life](#)

West Yorkshire Neurodiversity Programme FREE Resources

New resources initiated by the [West Yorkshire Neurodiversity Programme](#) co-produced by [AutismADHDAllies](#) and [Lets Connect](#) aim to empower children and young people to feel independent and supported as they navigate life's challenges. Available in a range of formats, videos (with and without subtitles and background audio), booklets (with images and plain text), and audio recordings. Information covers school [transitions](#), [sleep](#), and [eating](#). All information on the webpages is **free** to use and reference.

YouTube play list: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSEYtPE8N909Z01lInKH3Y_VZRr0xPSRX

Early Years Funding

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ESTIMATES OPEN - Autumn Term Estimates –sent via email on 14th July 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ An estimate using the on-line form must be provided for <u>all</u> eligible children.✓ The deadline for the on-line estimate form to be submitted is 20th August 2025 to enable a payment to be made in September.✓ <u>Check validity of codes</u> before providing an estimate, estimate of weekly hours should be as accurate as possible to prevent significant under, or overpayments.✓ Guidance on estimates - Estimates guidance.pdf
HEADCOUNT OPEN - Autumn Term Headcount - Provider portal will be open week commencing 4th August 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Please submit your Autumn term headcount as soon as you can – do not wait until headcount week as you can always amend up until the deadline.✓ Guidance will be issued to providers via email.✓ Headcount week 29th September – 3rd October 2025✓ DAF evidence must be submitted by 3rd October 2025
IMPORTANT - North Yorkshire Early Years Funding Agreement 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ All Funding Agreements have been sent via the Signing Hub✓ You must have a signed Funding Agreement in place to receive a funded payment in September 2025.✓ Reminders will be sent on a weekly basis for anyone who has not signed the document.✓ When all parties have signed your agreement, you will receive a copy via email.✓ Please contact eyft@northyorks.gov.uk if you have any queries.
IMPORTANT - Using the Eligibility Checker on the Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Parents must hold a valid code from HMRC with a start date on or before 31st August 2025 to access all types of Working Family funding from September 2025.✓ Any parent not holding a valid code must be advised by you to either apply or re-confirm their existing Working Family code with HMRC, before the deadline of 31st August 2025.✓ When carrying out any check please review the start and end dates of the parent's code. This is the key information you need to review as this shows you if a code is valid for use in Autumn Term. An amber coloured banner on screen does not mean a code is valid for use to claim funding. Further guidance on checking codes can be found in our email sent on 14th July and via our website here: Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPSinfo
REMINDER – Childcare Expansion – September 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ All 2-year-old and Under 2's children with a working family eligibility code will be entitled to 30 hours from September.✓ The Synergy provider portal will be configured to allow you to enter 30 hours in the relevant box✓ 2-year-olds with a disadvantaged code will only be able to claim 15 hours✓ Please note - the maximum a child with a working family code can claim is 30 hours per week
UPDATE - Funding Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Timetable - Autumn 2025 – Provider Timetable - Autumn 2025.pdf✓ Checking Working Family codes - Guidance on how to check Working Family Codes -Autumn Term 2025.pdf✓ A revised version of the Sample Parental Agreement is available on the CYPS info website - Parental Agreement NYC Sample document September 2025 Final.docx✓ All guidance - Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPSinfo
REMINDER – Providers offering stretched funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ If you are a provider offering stretched funding, you must inform the Early Years Funding Team via email if you haven't already✓ You must ensure parents understand the how the funded hours are offered on a stretched basis

- ✓ You must indicate which children are accessing stretched funding when submitting headcount actuals.

FOR INFORMATION - Department for Education - Guidance on Charging

- ✓ 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
- ✓ and pattern of hours that parents can take the providers give information on their websites about the: costs for all chargeable extras 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](#).



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