

Early Years Key Messages

December 2023

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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Maximising Language Opportunities at Christmas

Please see attached information regarding free CPD events in Scarborough as part of the Stronger Practice Hub’s “Maximising Language Opportunities at Christmas”. For more information contact Natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk Attachment one.

Working Families – Two-year-old code applications

Working parents wishing to apply for an eligibility code for the new working entitlement for their two year old child from April 2024 will be able to apply from 2nd January 2024. The Government is recommending parents apply between mid January and end of February [via the current 30 hours webpage](#)

National Wraparound Childcare Programme Handbook

The DfE’s national wraparound childcare programme handbook, primarily for local authorities, may also be of interest to wraparound childcare providers including schools, trusts, private, voluntary and independent providers, early years settings, childminders and parents/carers [National wraparound childcare programme handbook: a guide for local authorities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Childminder Start-up Grant Scheme now open

The Childminder Start-up Grant Scheme is now open for applications on this link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-childminder-start-up-grant>. The scheme will support new childminders who completed their registration on or after 15th March 2023. Childminders who have been previously registered as childminders and wish to re-register into the sector may also apply for the scheme but there must be at least a 12-month gap between the date of their previous registration being cancelled and new registration being finalised.

Foundation Years Newsletter

To ensure you receive communications directly from the DfE as soon as they are released, sign up to receive the Foundation Years newsletter at foundationyears@coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk

EYFS Statutory Framework – January 2024

The government will be implementing several changes to EYFS Statutory framework from January 2024 in preparation for the first wave of the expanded roll out from April 2024. Revised EYFS Statutory guidance will be released in January 2024 [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\): regulatory changes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-regulatory-changes)

Inclusion Funding

What should I do if a child transfers to another setting? If a child is in receipt of Element 2 Inclusion Funding and they transfer to another setting the current setting receiving Element 2 funding must **notify the Inclusion Funding team without delay**. The new setting **MUST** apply for Element 2 funding. The funding **will NOT** be automatically transferred.

What if the funded hours are split between settings? Any additional settings identified following headcount who are claiming funded hours for the same child, but have not submitted an Element 2 application, will be required to do so for matched E2 funding to be considered. **This will not automatically happen.**

Please contact the Inclusion Funding team on Inclusionfund@northyorks.gov.uk or refer to [Inclusion Funding \(Element 2\) | CYPInfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cypsinformation/inclusion-funding-element-2)

Dingley's Promise – Manifesto for Inclusive Early Years

Dingley's Promise, who NYC is proud to be working with to provide free early years inclusion training for providers, has launched a manifesto for a more inclusive early years. This is backed by big names in early years such as EY Alliance, Coram and the Council for Disabled Children. The manifesto can be accessed here [Manifesto for Early Years Inclusion - Dingley's Promise](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cypsinformation/dingleys-promise)

To register for free Dingley's Promise training can be accessed here [Early Years Inclusion Programme - Dingley's Promise](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/cypsinformation/dingleys-promise)

Mathematics module - DfE's Early Years Child Development training

A new module has been added to the DfE's [Early Years Child Development training](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-child-development-training). **Mathematics** is now available. This module is available now along with **five** other modules covering child and brain development, personal, social and emotional development, communication and language and physical development. Further modules which will be added in the coming months [Early years child development training : Home page \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-child-development-training)

Early Years Training, qualifications, support and guidance

Please find the link to all training available for EY providers [Training, qualifications, support and guidance - Help for early years providers - GOV.UK \(education.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-training-qualifications-support-and-guidance)

Ofsted Annual Report 2022 – 2023

Please find attached the link to Ofsted's annual report 2022/2023 [The Annual Report of His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills 2022/23 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-annual-report-of-his-majestys-chief-inspector-of-education-childrens-services-and-skills-2022-23)

Children's Speech and Language Therapy

Children's Speech and Language Therapy are continuing to develop their training offer in response to priorities highlighted in the Survey Monkey they sent out in July 2023. The top priority highlighted was supporting children with social communication differences. They would like to know more about what you would like this training to cover. Please complete this short Survey Monkey before 22nd December to have your say <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5K7HZW3>

The procedure for speech and language referrals across York, Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale have recently undergone changes. The referrer or parents/carers can call the relevant number below and a therapist will call back. The therapist will discuss any concerns, the potential impact on the child and gather accurate information. When making the call, the caller will need the patient's name, DOB, postcode and GP's details.

For York and Selby children – 01904 726599

For Ryedale children – 01904 726410

For Scarborough and Whitby children – 01723 342472

Great Start in Life – Children's help to design a logo

Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity and HDFT would like children to design a logo that represents "Great Start in Life" that will be used in their branding. For more information see Attachment Two.

Libraries Under 5s Week

From 5th-11th February 2024, libraries across North Yorkshire will be holding the annual Under 5's week. There will be activities and events across the county focusing on children's early literacy skills as well as other key areas of focus such as Healthy Start scheme, immunisations and vaccines, expanded funded entitlement offer for working parents, oral health and physical development. Further details to follow.

FEAST activities this Christmas

FEAST brings the fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in [What is FEAST - North Yorkshire Together](#). All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible children and young people. Some activities are specifically for children and young people with special educational needs and many others are inclusive for those children.

All children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or made eligible by exception (see the website FAQs for details), will receive a voucher from their school sent via email or text to their parent or guardian. This will enable them to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free using the online platform Holiday Activities. To see all the fantastic activities on offer and how to claim a free place visit [FEAST website](#).

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.