



Early Years Key Messages

January 2022

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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Reporting Covid-19 cases

When reporting a confirmed case of Covid-19 in either a child or staff member in your setting you must email the Covid-19 team at Education.Covid19@northyorks.gov.uk. The information the Covid-19 team will need are:

- The details of the confirmed case.
- Your contact name:
- Setting Name:
- Setting Address and postcode:
- Setting telephone number
- Setting email address

You must also notify Ofsted <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tell-ofsted-if-you-have-a-covid-19-incident-at-your-childcare-business>

You must notify FIS and EYFT if you close your setting. Childminders registered with a Childminder Agency should contact their agency with the details.

Two year old funding application deadlines – Spring Term

The deadline for two year old applications to be added to the headcount is 21st January 2022. However, claims for two year old funding for children who have **never** been funded before can be claimed for up until

23rd March 2022. Submissions for these children go on as after headcount claims. Please contact the EY Funding Team for further advice before submitting the claim.

Spring 2022 Training

Please find attached the Spring Term training dates and codes for you to book. Booking is open for these events so please book through www.nyeducationsservices.co.uk. Please book early to avoid disappointment as courses will need to be cancelled if there are not enough delegates. Attachment 1

EY courses and EY SENCo networks

See attachments 2 and 3

DfE EY Career Map

Following feedback from the sector, The Department for Education (DfE) has provided information on the EY career pathway. Also find below the link to the qualifications checker page. Attachment 4

[Check early years qualifications - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

DfE EY Attendance Data Collection

The DfE has confirmed that the EY attendance data collection will now end. The DfE expressed its appreciation regarding the work it has taken for providers to complete the data collection survey and would like to thank you for your ongoing support since collection began in April 2020. In the event that the Covid pandemic results in substantial changes to future guidance for the sector, they may ask that the data collection is resumed.

MOD Early Learning and Childcare Fund – Deadline Extended

The MOD Early Learning and Childcare Fund (ELCF) is proving successful and the MOD is pleased to announce that the deadline to receive applications has been extended until 30th January 2022. If providers have children of Armed Forces personnel and meet the criteria, please submit your application by 30th January 2022. If you require an application form, please contact FIS.

Early Years Ofsted Inspection Handbook

The Early Years Ofsted Inspection Handbook has been updated. Access the latest version at [Early years inspection handbook for Ofsted-registered provision - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Foundation Years Recordings from our Learn - Explore - Debate events

NCB recently worked with the DfE to deliver the latest round of **Learn - Explore - Debate** events. All videos, case studies and slides from the events are available at [Foundation Years website](#)

New rail safety programme for 3-16s

A new rail safety programme for 3-16s that encourages children to stay Switched On around railways has been launched. Incidents of trespass by children still occur so Switched On was launched by [the rail industry](#) to enhance children's rail safety education. Switched On programmes:-

- [Switched On Travels with Suzi](#) (ages 3-6)
- [Switched On for every journey](#) (ages 7-11)
- [Living Switched On](#) (ages 12-16)

These resources can also be used with children at home at <https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/>

HCV ICS CYP Alliance - Boloh Helpline poster for information

Please share this poster with your families. Attachment 5

Early Years Funding

- **Headcount week** - Claims can be made for eligible children who are registered, and normally attending during Spring term headcount week is 17th – 21st January 2022.
- **Don't forget** - please tick the box on the Child Funding tab for 'Present during Census' as this will ensure your return is included in the return to the Department for Education and funding will be given.
- **30-hour codes** - if you offer extended hours ensure the 30-hour code has a valid date for the term. Code start date of 1st January 2022 and beyond means extended hours will not be funded in Spring term 2022.

- **Headcount Submission** – please send the headcount and evidence for Disability Access Funding as soon as possible, there is no need to wait until 21st January 2022. Amendments can be made, once all data has been cleansed.
- **Census Form** - look out for the email from eyft@northyorks.gov.uk to ask you to complete Census Establishment Form – this is only required if you are claiming for funded children in Spring term 2022.
- **Invoicing parents** - Government funded hours must be free at the point of delivery, and invoices must be clear and transparent.
- **Top up charges** - If a parent contacts the team regarding a top up charge, or if they cannot see they have received their government-funded place free then the provider will be contacted, as this will ensure the local authority is carrying out their statutory duty.
- **Useful links** - Please use this link for useful downloads including guidance documents on using the portal, useful dates: [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPInfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Compliance checks** - these will continue to be carried out and providers who have been chosen will be contacted.

“Society is what happens when babies grow up.” Parent and Infant Foundation