

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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North Yorkshire Connect

North Yorkshire County Council has a community directory, **North Yorkshire Connect**. If you have given internet permission through your Provider Portal, your details will be displayed free of charge. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-directory-north-yorkshire-connect>.

If you have **not** given internet permission, your details will not show on NYCC or North Yorkshire Connect websites. You can change this by updating your permission on the Provider Portal.

Provider Portal

We have recently had some issues with the portal. Please could providers use this pathway to access the on line portal:- <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/choosing-childcare> scroll to the

page bottom to the “Information for childcare providers” section, click on ‘access the portal’ and this will take you to the correct log in page. If you have any problems logging into your portal page, please contact the Families Information Service (FIS) on 01609 533483 or email your query to fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk to report the issue and not the service team.

If your query is about your headcount information you should still contact the Early Years Finance team at eyft@northyorks.gov.uk

Autumn Headcount 2019

The Provider Portal will be open for the Autumn term headcount submissions from 15th July 2019 and will close on 4th October 2019.

SEN Support Element 3 Funding

Updated information about SEN support - Element 3 funding can be found via this link:

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/sen-support-element-3>

May Day Bank Holiday 2020

Please note that the early bank holiday in May will be moved back by four days to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. **May Day bank holiday will be Friday, 8th May 2020.**

Information in previous Key Messages

Information shared in previous Key Messages, including the Early Help contact details and the link to the NYSCB e-bulletin, can be found on the CYPs website at

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>

Retention of records when a provider closes

When a provider closes, the provider must have regard to the retention period of each type of document and must make appropriate arrangements to store these securely in line with data storage arrangements. Retention period document attached (attachment 1) but it is the provider’s responsibility to ensure that this is current and up to date.

Eat Better Start Better

Please find attached (attachment 2) the “Eat Better Start Better” guide.

British Nutrition Foundation – Webinar

The BNF has produced a webinar “Full of Beans” about the importance of getting preschool children to eat vegetables. The webinar is available at: <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/bnf-talks.html?bnf-webinars>

Cultural Capital – Youtube Ted Talk by June O’Sullivan

June O’Sullivan gives an inspirational Ted talk named “**How nurseries tackle the injustice of poverty**” available on Youtube which may help when thinking about Cultural Capital in relation the new Ofsted Education Inspection Framework.

CPD Certificates

Following attendance on training, the register is processed and, provided you have signed the register to confirm attendance, a certificate will be sent to your email address.

NASEN Training for PVI setting SENCos and/or Managers

There will be a free one day course delivered by Achievement for All on behalf of NASEN for SENCos and Managers in PVI settings entitled “A whole setting approach to SEND”. For more details access:-

<http://www.nasen.org.uk/professional-learning/meeting-the-needs-of-every-child-send-for-managers-in-pvis/>

GOV.UK update – Check Early Years qualifications

To check qualifications to allow staff to work in an early years setting as part of the staff:child ratios access:- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-qualifications-finder?>

Foundation Years Newsletter

The monthly Foundation Years newsletter includes important DFE updates, other government departments and the wider Early Years sector. This month's newsletter includes a blog from Gill Jones, Ofsted Early Education Deputy Director, entitled- "Don't prepare for new way of inspecting". Sign up for the newsletter:-

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

Library Summer Reading Challenge

5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Blast Off to your local library to take part in this year's free early years SPACE CHASE Summer Reading Challenge event. Parents/carers simply choose favourite books, share stories with their children and collect a sticker at each library visit, collecting 6 stickers to complete the challenge with a certificate at the end. Libraries will be launching SPACE CHASE on Saturday 13 July and everyone is welcome.

Early Help

The Early Help strategy for North Yorkshire will be launched in 2019. The Early Help Strategy document is now available on the NYSCB website (see weblink below). Below is the strategy's foreword from County Cllr Janet Sanderson (Executive Member for Children and Young People's Service) and Stuart Carlton (Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Service). *"We are delighted to introduce the new Early Help strategy for North Yorkshire. It is the embodiment of our joint will as Partners to ensure that we work in the most effective, co-ordinated way as early as possible when children and families need our joint support and help. This strategy ensures the effective delivery of the key principles defined in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 which we all, as partners have a statutory responsibility to co-operate with and contribute to. The strategy is just the beginning. We will need to work with partners to introduce and embed the framework, develop skills and knowledge in our workforce, and ensure practitioners are confident with the approach. I have no doubt that we will grow this slowly and considerably over time. At the heart of the strategy is a well-known practice model used throughout North Yorkshire already, so it will feel familiar to many partners. It builds on families' strengths, keeps language simple, and is clear about goals and progress. This means we do things with children and families, not to them, whilst using the family and wider network of friends and others to develop and support plans.*

The right support at the right time and place is our joint ambition. We want partners and practitioners to feel well supported, knowledgeable and able to meet the needs of children and families as early as possible. We know this will take time, but it is the right thing to do".

The full Early Help Strategy can be accessed here:

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/strategies>

"I have lots of ideas, so many ideas you wouldn't even think of." (Nursery aged child)