

# Early Years Key Messages

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## Reporting positive cases of Covid-19 in your setting

With the rise in the number of cases of Covid-19 across the county, please ensure you follow the guidance on the CYPs Covid-19 website for reporting positive cases of Covid-19 in your setting [Covid-19 | CYPsInfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](http://northyorks.gov.uk). Ofsted should also be notified via their website [Report a serious childcare incident - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

## Ofsted Inspections and webinars

Ofsted resumed its inspection programme on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please notify Families Information Service (FIS) on 01609 533483 when you receive notice of your inspection and also the subsequent outcome. Settings that have never been inspected, or are now due re-inspection, are being invited to one of two free webinars on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 7-9pm or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1-3pm and will be invited separately. If you don't receive an invitation and feel you should have, please contact FIS.

## EYFS Reforms

From September 2021, all early years providers must follow the new [early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) framework](#). The **key aims** of the reforms are to improve child outcomes at age 5, particularly in early language and literacy, especially for disadvantaged children; reduce workload, such as unnecessary paperwork, so that practitioners can spend more time interacting with the children in their care.

To support the implementation of the revised EYFS, the Department for Education has developed a new **online service** for private, voluntary and independent early years settings and childminders. This service provides resources, advice and support to help practitioners understand the requirements for each

area of learning and development and what these requirements mean in practice. The service is now live on gov.uk and can be accessed here – [Prepare for changes to the early years foundation stage framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). Please access this online service to support your planning and implementation of the EYFS reforms from September 2021.

### **Big Changes Start Small – Royal Foundation for Early Childhood Report**

The Duchess of Cambridge has set up an early childhood research centre with the aim to change the way society thinks about the first five years of a child's life. To coincide with the launch, the centre has published its inaugural report Big Change Starts Small [Early Years - Royal Foundation](#). The link to the website is <https://centreforearlychildhood.org/>

### **NYSCP Safeguarding Threshold Document**

The vulnerability checklist has been replaced with a new threshold document. Do not use the old vulnerability checklist as this is now void. The new document is available on the NYSCP website [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#) titled "Framework for decision making – Right help at the right time by the right person" Threshold Guidance. The NYSCP advises that documents should not be printed out but accessed directly via the NYSCP website to ensure the most current safeguarding information is accessed.

### **NYSCP Consultation Telephone Line**

A NYSCP consultation line will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> July for professionals working with children and families. It will be open Monday – Friday from 9am – 4pm for advice and support. It will not replace the referral process. Telephone number is 01609 535070.

### **NYSCP E-bulletin**

To ensure providers remain up to date with all safeguarding issues, sign up to receive the NYSCP monthly E-bulletin to your inbox. Use the tab on the NYSCP website [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#)

### **Solihull Approach – Parenting Courses**

The Solihull Approach is a gateway into [online courses](#) for all parents, grandparents or carers who live in North Yorkshire which the Council has invested in for the next three years. The courses aim to support the most difficult job in the world. The courses are delivered in bitesize modules and can be accessed on laptops, mobile phones, tablets etc. by logging on to: [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) and entering the access code: [NYFAMILIES](#). Please share this information with staff and families to support your partnership with parents work. If you require more information regarding this, please contact Rachel Yeadon, Senior Early Help Consultant at [EarlyHelpWest@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyHelpWest@northyorks.gov.uk). Attachment 1

### **Early Years Transitions - Feedback Sessions**

SENDIASS North Yorkshire will be conducting a series of sessions with parents/carers to develop North Yorkshire County Council's new materials - promoting and supporting effective transitions for early years children and their families. There will be three Zoom sessions, taking place at the start of July, and SENDIASS would like to involve as many parents/carers as possible. They are looking to chat with parents/carers whose children have transitioned from an Early Years setting to Primary School in the last 3 years, or whose children are awaiting transition in September 2021. Further information regarding the sessions can be found on the leaflet. Attachment 2.

### **Change of Manager and setting contact details**

There have been a number of cases when we have contacted settings where the Manager, or Deputy Manager, has changed. It is essential that when there is a change, the local authority is informed. Please notify FIS through [fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk) and update the staff changes through the "Staff" tab on the provider portal. You can also check the registered person details through the "Ofsted" tab on the provider portal.

### **The Sleep Charity Free Webinars**

The Sleep Charity has produced a series of free online webinars to support parents and practitioners deal with sleep issues in children. Please promote with parents and staff. Attachments 3 and 4.

*"The early years are not simply about how we raise our children. They are about the society we will become." The Duchess of Cambridge.*