

Early Years Key Messages

17th July 2024

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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Grant Funding for Expansion of Early Years Places

The Local Authority has shared details of the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant funding for Early Years. All providers should have received an email on 16th July 2024 advising that the application process for Early Years Grant funding is now open. If you did not receive the email, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk

Dates for your diary: The first application provider support forum (for both Early Years and Wraparound) will take place on **Thursday 18th July, 9:30 – 11:00**, via Teams. Meeting details are as follows:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 372 429 585 823
Passcode: 6fEhFA

- 1:1 sessions for support with completing your application are available in the week commencing **22nd July 2024**. Please email EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk to book a slot.
- Early Years 'Meet & Greet' **Wednesday 4th September, 13:30-14:30**
[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 323 818 237 189
Passcode: 4RBSzP
- There will be a second application provider support forum (EY & WAC) that will take place on **5th September, 9:30 – 11:00**, via Teams. Meeting details are as follows:
[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 313 978 450 974
Passcode: ZfXpH9

If you are unable to attend the above day time support sessions or would like to attend an evening information and support session, please email EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk to register your interest.

Childcare Expansion Capital Grant Funding for Wraparound Childcare and Revenue Grant Funding for Wraparound Childcare

The Local Authority is pleased to share details of the application process for the Childcare Expansion Capital Grant funding for Wraparound Childcare and the Wraparound Childcare Revenue Grant funding. All schools and PVI providers should now have received an email with the applications and associated guidance for Wraparound Childcare Grant funding. Please refer to the attached application guidance for Wraparound Childcare Grant Funding as well as the Wraparound Grant Funding Calculator to calculate your funding requirements. All applicants will need to complete the Initial Questions Form (link below) and the Grant Application Declaration (attached).

[Initial Questions Form](#)

[Grant Type 1: Creation of wraparound provision](#)

[Grant Type 2: The expansion of operating hours and/or days](#)

[Grant Type 3: The expansion of wraparound places](#)

[Grant Type 4: Capital Funding](#)

There are three grant submission windows for Wraparound Childcare Revenue funding and one submission window for Capital Grant funding applications for Wraparound Childcare. Applications received through each of the submission windows will be considered with equal priority. Application deadlines are as follows:

- 31st July 2024 – Revenue grant funding
- 30th August 2024 – Revenue grant funding
- 20th September 2024 – Revenue and capital grant funding

Should you have any queries, please email Liz Roberts, Wraparound Childcare Coordinator: wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk Attachments One to Four

Wraparound Childcare Meet and Greet

Thank you to those of you who attended the Wraparound Childcare Meet and Greet session on Tuesday 9th July. Please find attached the meeting slides and parent/carer wraparound childcare demand survey, as discussed in the meeting. Attachments Five and Six

Wraparound Childcare Guidance for Early Years Children

A reminder that all settings providing wraparound childcare for pre-reception children must meet the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Frameworks 2024. For reception-aged children attending wraparound provision Section 3 of the statutory framework must be adhered to. Please refer to the framework for statutory duties regarding safeguarding arrangements, staffing and ratios.

[Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework for Group and School-Based Providers](#)

[Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework for Childminders](#)

Department for Education – Early Years

You may be aware that the Department for Education is finalising portfolio areas across Ministers but great news is that there is a [specific junior minister with early education and childcare](#) as the main focus. There is a real, focused interest on early years across the department and there are commitments from the Secretary of State for this as a priority area [briefings on this topic](#).

Provider Portal Updates

It is important the provider portal is kept up to date to ensure everyone is GDPR compliant. Please ensure the current manager's contact details are also correct. Keep your details up to date by accessing the FIS provider portal link [Synergy - Enquiry \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#)

Direct FIS Email Contact

Several requests have recently come through via the Customer Service Centre which should have come directly to the Families Information Service. These include when providers have locked themselves out of their accounts. To ensure you receive a prompt response, please contact FIS directly using the FIS email fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

Early Years Funding Information

Early Years Funding
Autumn term headcount - Portal is open now and until 4th October 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please don't wait until October; you can change the claim right up until the end of headcount week. ✓ Claims for Working Parent Entitlement have the same conditions for all age groups - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • entitlement codes must have a <u>start date on or before 31st August and end date on or before 1st September 2024</u> for all eligible children. Example, if the code end date is 17th August parent has not reconfirmed then you will not be able to submit the claim. ✓ Working Parent entitlement codes do not change but the parent must continue to reconfirm by the code end date.
Change of ownership/bank accounts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Providers must give as much notice as possible where there are changes in ownership or bank accounts; failure to inform the local authority will impact on future payments.
Charging
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Your government funded offer must be clear for parents to enable them to make informed choices and your invoices are easy to understand to ensure you comply with the statutory guidance, as stated in section A1.30 Charging in this document - Early education and childcare (applies from 1 April 2024) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Full range of guidance on Early Years Funding can be found by using this link Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPInfo (northyorks.gov.uk) Please share this with the relevant staff in your provision.

Headlice Leaflet

New leaflets for practitioners and parents have been produced on the best way to control headlice. As well as in English, this is also now available in Polish, Romanian, Slovak and Ukrainian. Attachment Seven in various languages

As another academic year comes to a close, thank you to all providers for your hard work and commitment this year. If you are finishing for the summer break, we hope you have a lovely break. We will be working all through the summer holiday so please do not hesitate to contact FIS if you need any support.