

# Early Years Key Messages

15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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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## **Sufficiency Tab**

The **deadline for submitting sufficiency data is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12pm.**

The Sufficiency Tab on the provider portal is now open for Autumn 2025 data submissions. Please log in to your provider portal: [Synergy - Enquiry](#), click on the sufficiency Tab and enter your occupancy data (to the best of your knowledge) for September 2025. You can enter your data now, save it and amend it any time up until Monday 21st July 2025 if you need to.

**Please remember this information is the childcare places you can offer (maximum capacity) and your vacancies. The offered row does not mean the number of occupied places.** If you are copying data across from a previous term, please ensure this is checked and amended before you press save.

Drop-in sessions via Teams for Sufficiency Tab support:

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 7pm-7:30pm [Join the meeting now](#)  
Meeting ID: 372 840 100 033 9 Passcode: Gr6tq7k6

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm-2pm [Join the meeting now](#)  
Meeting ID: 340 619 399 915 6 Passcode: sF3JU2Xn

## **Provider Update Form**

All providers are asked to complete an update form termly to ensure we have the most up to date records. This shouldn't take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Log in to your provider portal: [Synergy - Enquiry](#). Go to the forms tab and select the update form.

**Complete all fields on this form.** If any fields are left blank, we will be unable to accept the update form, and you will be asked to complete it again.

### **Disadvantage Two Year Old Codes – (Families in Receipt of Additional Support)**

Please note that once codes are issued for two year children of families in receipt of additional support (also known as Disadvantage Two Year Old Funding), parents **do not** need to reconfirm every 3 months. These codes remain valid until the child becomes eligible for Universal 15 hours funding.

### **EYFS statutory framework – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**

The Government has published the final version of the revised EYFS Statutory Frameworks (one for Childminders and one for group and school-based providers). The new versions are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025. Please use the current frameworks until then [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework - GOV.UK](#).

### **Best Start in Life Strategy**

The Government has published the “Best Start in Life Strategy” which commits to improving family services and early years education to ensure all children have the chance to achieve and thrive. Read the full strategy here [Giving every child the best start in life](#) or the Local Government Association’s summary attached. Attachment 1

### **LADO - New Contact Duty Telephone Number**

LADO has a new telephone number **Tel: 01609 798005**. The old number will transition through to the new number for a short time.

### **DfE – Early Years Training and Support**

Please see information for the early years sector on CPD opportunities offered by the DfE. Please note the DfE’s early years safeguarding training package for all early years providers which is due to be launched in Spring 2026 [Early years continuing professional development and support - GOV.UK](#)

### **NYES Early Years Training Calendar 2025 -26**

Please see the Early Years Training Courses offered by North Yorkshire Council for this year 2025/26 Please book all training through <https://nyes.info/Training> Attachment 2

### **The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT )-Staying safe this summer**

CAPT have lots of information on how to keep children safe this summer

[Summer safety tips: 8 reminders to keep children safe this summer](#)

For colourful posters to display or distribute in your setting follow this link [summer-safety-display-pack.pdf](#)

### **Coram Family and Childcare new website**

Coram’s new website allows you to see all Coram research, useful resources for both parents and professionals plus news and blogs. The childcare finder section has been renamed ‘Family Services Information Finder’ <https://coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk/>

### **Best Start Digital Service**

The new Best Start digital service gives parents quick access to trusted advice on parenting and child development. Parents will be able to check your eligibility for childcare entitlements and connect to your local hub. [Best Start Family Hubs: what parents need to know – The Education Hub](#)

### **SEND PRIDE 2025 - Northallerton 26<sup>th</sup> July**

On 26th July Flying High will host a SEND Pride event in Northallerton. Celebrating the vibrant spirit and resilience of disabled individuals in our community. Please see attached poster for more details. Attachment 3

### **Early Years Funding**

<a href="#">Early Years Funding</a>
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**Autumn Term Estimates – Link to on-line estimate form was sent from EYFT on 14 July 2025**

- ✓ An estimate using the on-line form must be provided for all eligible children.
- ✓ The deadline for the on-line estimate form to be submitted is 20th August 2025 (there will be further opportunity to update estimates in September)
- ✓ Check validity of codes before providing an estimate, estimate of weekly hours should be as accurate as possible to prevent significant under, or overpayments (increase in levels of funding provided through funded entitlements). Impact on business cashflow.
- ✓ Guidance on estimates - [Estimates guidance.pdf](#)

**Using the 'Eligibility Checker' screen on the Portal, check all Working Family Entitlement Codes are valid to claim funding from September 2025.**

- ✓ Parents must hold a valid code from HMRC with a start date on or before 31 August 2025 and an end date on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to access all types of Working Family funding from September 2025.
- ✓ When carrying out any check **please review the start and end dates as above of the parent's code.**
- ✓ An amber coloured banner on screen does not mean a code is valid for use to claim funding. Further guidance on checking codes can be found in our email sent 14<sup>th</sup> July and via our website here: [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPSinfo](#)

**Autumn Term Headcount - Provider portal open week commencing 4th August 2025 (subject to confirmation by supplier)**

- ✓ When the portal opens, please submit your Autumn term headcount as soon as you can – do not wait until headcount week as you can always amend up until the deadline.
- ✓ Synergy Web Provider Portal will be configured for the increase to 30 hours for under 2-year-olds and 2-year-olds.
- ✓ Guidance will be issued to providers. Headcount week 29th September – 3rd October 2025
- ✓ (DAF evidence must be submitted by 3rd October 2025)

**North Yorkshire Early Years Funding Agreement 2025**

- ✓ This is being sent out to each provider for signature (usually two) by the beginning of August 2025.
- ✓ Full instructions on how to use 'Signing Hub' will be sent out prior to the Funding Agreement being sent to you for signature. Once the process is completed and the Funding Agreement is counter-signed by North Yorkshire a pdf. version of your signed Funding Agreement will be automatically emailed to you.

**UPDATE - Funding Guidance**

- ✓ A revised version of the Sample Parental Agreement is available on the CYPS info website - [Parental Agreement NYC Sample document September 2025 Final.docx](#)
- ✓ All guidance - [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPSinfo](#)

**REMINDER – Providers offering stretched funding**

- ✓ If you are a provider offering stretched funding, you must inform the Early Years Funding Team via email if you haven't already
- ✓ You must ensure parents understand the how the funded hours are offered on a stretched basis
- ✓ You must indicate which children are accessing stretched funding when submitting headcount actuals.



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