

Early Years Key Messages

March 2023

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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Under-Fives Week at your Local Library

From 6th – 11th March, NYCC libraries will be hosting free events aimed at encouraging 0 – 5 year old children to develop a love of books. Most libraries will host storytimes, rhyme times and craft sessions with some having theatre companies, NHS Oral Health Improvement team and NYCC Healthy Start team attending. Children can join the library for free from birth and all under-fives can join the Buzzy Bees Honey Hunt for free as soon as they have a library card. For more information about events in your area, contact your local library [Local libraries | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

Spring Term PVI Early Years Leaders' Meetings - 15th and 16th March 2023

The Spring Term PVI Early Years Leaders' Meetings will take place on Tuesday, 15th March (1900 – 2130) and Wednesday, 16th March (1300 – 1530) which include networking time. This is for Managers in group provision, childminders and childcare on domestic premises. Please book your place via NYES, the codes for the meetings are SI-0323-T011 (Tuesday, 15th March) and SI-0323-T012 (Wednesday, 16th March). The proposed agenda for the meeting is below. It is not possible to share meeting slides unless you have booked to attend.

1905 – 1935 / 1300 – 1305 EY Funding

1935 – 2000 / 1335 – 1400 Dingley's Promise inc. EY provider feedback

2000 – 2030 / 1400 – 1430 Break out rooms/networking

2030 – 2050 / 1430 – 1450 International Arrivals

2050 – 2100 / 1450 – 1500 SEND Locality Hubs

2100 – 2115 / 1500 – 1515 Early Years Updates

2115 – 2125 / 1515 – 1525 SEA Updates

2125 – 2130 / 1525 – 1530 Questions and Close

Register to offer Tax-Free Childcare in your school or childcare provision

If you are a school or childcare provider, including childminders, preschools, nurseries, out of school club and holiday clubs, register to offer Tax-Free Childcare to your families. Working families can access Tax-Free Childcare to help pay for childcare costs and is available for school age children (up to a child's 12th birthday or 17 if the child has a disability) as well as early years age children. It can help improve take up of childcare in your provision by supporting families with the cost – up to £2,00 per child per year or up to £4,000 per child per year for children with disabilities. You must be registered to be able to offer families Tax-Free Childcare. To sign up to Tax-Free Childcare visit [Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare if you're a childcare provider - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-to-tax-free-childcare)

22nd March 2023 Free Online Training Session for Early Years Providers

Supporting the Home Learning Environment with Tiny Happy People – free event at 2pm on 22nd March Register using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-the-hle-with-tiny-happy-people-tickets-557669533587>

The BBC Tiny Happy People initiative aims to reduce the 'word gap' by supporting parents to help develop their children's vocabulary in the home. Based on extensive academic and audience research, Tiny Happy People has a simple message - 'talk to your baby as much as possible from birth - we can show you how and why.' This free, virtual, one hour training session will reveal everything you need to know about Tiny Happy People to feel confident recommending this service to families you work with. The session will explain approach, show you easily shareable content on the website and highlight those key language techniques and resources to share. Tiny Happy People champion training is accessible and relevant for everyone - from entry level staff to senior practitioners.

Cost of Living Campaign Leaflet

A cost of living campaign leaflet has been devised to support families. Please share this with staff and families.

Two Year Old Funding Communication to Parents

Parents on the DWP list whose children may potentially be eligible for two-year-old funding (after Easter) will shortly be sent letters asking them to apply online via the NYCC website. Local authorities have been given permission by the DfE to use contact details supplied by parents to also email and text them. There are time restrictions for using this data before it must be destroyed. Please encourage parents to apply online to check their eligibility if they receive communication regarding this.

4th May 2023 Summer Term Early Years Free NYSCP Safeguarding Masterclass

We will be holding a Summer Term Early Years NYSCP Safeguarding Masterclass on Thursday, 4th May from 1900 – 2100 hours. This meeting will be **free** to attend and is available for **all** staff working in private day nurseries, preschools, childminders and childcare on domestic premises. The theme is "Keeping children safe and well" and will include a presentation by the NSPCC on PANTS. The course code is NYS-OM-0523-T010 and is available to book via NYES.

Families Information Service Changes

Maddy Atkinson will be leaving her role within FIS to return to her previous role in the Early Years Funding team. Jenny Bradley has been appointed as Information and Sufficiency Officer and will work alongside Kayleigh Chadfield within the Families Information Service. Please continue to use the Families Information Service email address fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk to contact the service. You can also call the main NYCC Customer Service Centre (CSC) on 01609 780780 with any queries.

