

# Early Years Key Messages

13<sup>th</sup> March 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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## **Safeguarding Masterclass – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

The next free Early Years Safeguarding Masterclass will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 1900 hrs – 2100 hrs. The course code is NYS-OM-0524-T013 and this is now available to book on NYES or via this link [NYSCP Early Years Masterclass | NYES Info](#) Guest speakers will include IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Service). All early years staff are welcome to attend.

## **Safeguarding – Child Exploitation Awareness week**

There is a programme of free learning events to raise awareness and promote Child Exploitation Awareness week from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. For further details and to book follow this link [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](#)

## **Reminder re DfE Clarification on Charging for Consumables**

This is a reminder of the DfE’s clarification which was shared in mid February’s Key Messages. The DfE clarified that the change to the wording of clause A1.31 of the [statutory guidance](#) **does not** mean that the policy has changed with regards to providers charging for meals, snacks and other consumables:-

***“The policy has not changed. As set out in A1.36 of the guidance, Local Authorities should work with providers and parents to ensure that all parents, including disadvantaged families, have fair access to a free place, which must be delivered completely free of charge. The free childcare entitlements are not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables (such as nappies or sun cream), additional hours or additional activities (such as trips). Providers may charge a fee for these additions.”***

The DfE has removed the line regarding charges being voluntary to provide clarity. If a parent is unable to pay for consumables or if a parent wishes to provide their own, then the parent and provider can discuss alternative options. This could include allowing parents to supply their own meals or nappies or waiving or reducing the cost of meals and snacks. As set out in clause A1.33 of the guidance such charges should not be made a condition of accessing a government funded place.

### **Active Start Training Available**

This is an opportunity to explore the Active Start programme and the importance of active play and physical activity during the early years. You will build confidence in using the resources and work to understand how this can support other staff, the children and their families in your setting.

**Date:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Time:** 9.30am – 3pm

**Location:** Harrogate Health and Wellness Centre, Jenny Field Drive, Harrogate. HG1 2RP

**For more information and booking:** <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-harrogate/>

**Date:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 9.30am – 3pm

**Location:** Brayton Community Centre, Foxhill Lane, Selby. YO8 9TP

**For more information and booking:** <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-selby/>

**Date:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 9.30am – 3pm

**Location:** The Street, 12 Lower Clark Street, Scarborough. YO12 7PW

**For more information and booking:** <https://northyorkshiresport.co.uk/product/active-start-training-for-early-years-educators-scarborough-2/>

### **Tell Ofsted about changes**

The nominated individual can now email Ofsted on [enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk) to tell them about changes [People connected with Ofsted-registered childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/people-connected-with-ofsted-registered-childcare)

### **Ofsted Big Listen**

Ofsted seeks the views of the sector and parents on the inspectorate's work. Please complete their consultation and share with parents. The consultation closes at 11.59pm on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 [Ofsted Big Listen - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-big-listen)

### **Dingley's Promise Free Inclusion Training - Poster**

Please find attached an updated poster for the Dingley's Promise free Inclusive practice training with a QR code which will take the learner directly to the training. Please share this with staff and parents for them to be able to access this free training. Dingley's Promise training is evidence based "dip in, dip out" online learning. 99% of providers who have completed just the "Inclusive Practice" Module said they were more confident about accepting and supporting children with SEND in their provision. Attachment 1

### **Funded Early Years SENCO Training**

The Best Practice Network are now accepting applications to join the final Early Years SENCO cohort. The programme is open to Level-3 practitioners in private, voluntary, or independent settings, and Ofsted-registered childminders and childminder agencies. Childminders can now join the EY SENCO programme without requiring a Level 3 qualification. This means even more childminders in England can become EY SENCO Certified for **FREE!** Complete your application by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** to secure a remaining place on our final cohort and gain essential skills in supporting children with SEN. You can find further information on this link [Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#)

### **Free holiday activities and meals for families this Easter**

Please share the following information with staff and families with school aged children. FEAST is back this Easter holiday and better than ever, with a fantastic range of activities to keep children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. All children across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for eligible families thanks to DfE funding. If children are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or is eligible by exception (see the [FEAST FAQs](#) for details), parents will receive a voucher from their

school. This will enable families to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform HolidayActivities. Watch the [step-by-step guide](#) on how to redeem the FEAST voucher and book free activities. Head to the [FEAST website](#) now to discover all the incredible activities.

### **Early Years Sufficiency Tab – Summer Term 2024**

The sufficiency tab for the Summer Term will open on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Please complete this to ensure that we have your current occupancy and vacancy numbers. With the expansion of childcare early education provision from April and moving forwards, it is important that we have your most up to date information regarding your vacancy and occupancy details.

As part of the bidding process for providers applying for government grant funding to expand provision, providers' occupancy and vacancy information provided on the sufficiency tab will be taken into consideration as part of the decision process.