

Early Years Key Messages

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Welcome to the latest Key Messages. Please ensure Key Messages is shared with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages can be found: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>

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Safeguarding Audit Self-Assessment Tools

The Safeguarding Audit Self-Assessment Tools have been updated and are attached (attachment 1 and 2). These will also go on the NYSCB website and the CYPS website.

Early Help (formerly the Prevention Service) Information with contact telephone numbers

The Early Help Service has provided information to explain the new service and has introduced three locality contact telephone numbers. Please use these numbers as the first point of contact for all advice and guidance. Please amend your records accordingly (attachment 3).

Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities - updated resource

A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other childcare settings.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities?utm_source=1dc18f9b-139a-41fd-be57-61acf5e05201&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

WHO Guidelines on Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour and Sleep for children under 5 years of age

New guidelines have been published by WHO. The document is available at:

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/311664/9789241550536-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

Ofsted

Early years' provider non-compliance: action by Ofsted

Ofsted has updated the guidance on non-compliance regarding what Ofsted does when a childminder or childcare provider does not comply with regulations. See link below:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted?utm_source=43ba5e34-f007-476d-8ac2-0284c3a5eb30&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=weekly

EY Policy Briefing – co-childminders and assistants

Updated information (attachment 4).

Speech, Language and Communication

The Speech, Language and Communication team will be holding Parent Information sessions. Flyers regarding these events are attached (attachments 5 and 5a).

SEN Funding

Last year the Inclusive Education Service (IES) piloted additional SEN funding to support children and young people in three specific circumstances. As the pilot funding period has ended, no further funding requests will be accepted after Easter 2019. Currently, funding has been allocated to 68 children and young people. Early indications are that this has been a successful pilot. Many requests were for two terms of funding from Autumn 2018 to end of Spring 2019. For each approved funding request IES has asked for a monitoring form to be returned. This is to evaluate the impact of the pilot and decide whether this should be a possible funding option in the future. This decision cannot be made without the monitoring forms being returned. **If you have received funding, please return the monitoring form as soon as possible.** Please do not submit new requests for funding.

DFE Approved Qualifications

Information regarding DFE approved qualifications that meet EYFS staff:child ratios is available at

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eyfs-staffchild-ratios-dfe-approved-qualifications?utm_source=442791ab-8d04-4d21-8a55-c7407c4103f0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Events

Early Education and Sandmartins Day Nursery are facilitating professional development events. For further details please see attachments 6 and 7.

There are new ICAN and CONTACT CPD dates. For more details visit:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/early-years-send-partnership/training-resources-and-support/training-offer>

and

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/EYSEND%20Training%20-%20Table%20%28updated%2023rd%20April%29.pdf>

Tax Free Childcare – sign up

Help working parents save up to £2000 per year on their childcare costs with this government scheme. It takes 10 minutes to sign up (over 60% of childcare providers already have) and you'll only need to do this once. You can then tell parents you accept Tax-Free Childcare payments and they can start paying you within 48 hours. Parents can make regular or one-off payments direct to your business bank account. The payments you receive will include the government top-up of 20%. <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/guides/> and at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Jobs Board and Provider Vacancies

We have received a steady amount of job vacancies to advertise on the CYPS website and have had positive feedback about this. Please continue to advertise vacancies by completing a proforma and submitting it to FIS at fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk. Proformas must be returned to FIS by Wednesday lunchtime each week to be uploaded to the CYPS website. Please share Key Messages with all your staff team as part of their ongoing professional and person development. The link to advertised vacancies on the CYPS website is:- <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/looking-work-early-years-and-childcare>

Update your details via the provider portal

FIS recently emailed to ask all providers that have not updated the "Provider updates form V2.10" within the last three months to update their details. This is to ensure the information provided to parents and carers looking for childcare is up to date. Many thanks to those that have responded to this request. We do still have a large number of childminders and settings who have not updated or checked their information within the last six months. We are asking you to confirm the correct permission boxes are ticked and to type in your name and date. Please check your information is correct and that the information held by Ofsted is also correct including correct contact telephone numbers and email addresses.

Please could all providers complete the section on places /vacancies each term to enable to check the sufficiency of childcare places in your area. The Portal link

<https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk/Synergy/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fSynergy%2fProviders%2f>

If you need a reminder of your username and password, please contact FIS by email fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone 01609 533483

Foundation Years Newsletter

The National Children's Bureau is now Department for Education's (DfE) Stakeholder Engagement Partner for the Early Years. They are updating the Foundation Years website

as a hive of information and resource hub to support the early years workforce. The monthly Foundation Years newsletter includes important DFE updates, other government departments and the wider Early Years sector. Sign up for the newsletter:-

<https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/01/foundation-years-newsletters/>

Improving the home learning environment

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/756020/Improving_the_home_learning_environment.pdf

Children and Young People Service (CYPS) information website

This contains information for early years and childcare providers and associated professionals including key documentation, business and finance support, workforce development, SEND and quality assurance tools. Please check back regularly for updates

<http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>

“The things that make me different are the things that make me.” Winnie the Pooh