

# Early Years Key Messages

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Please share Key Messages with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages available at: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>

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**Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak**

Recently updated to reflect step 2 of the roadmap out of lockdown.

**Covid 19 Vaccination FAQs**

Please find attached useful information regarding the Covid-19 vaccination. Since this information was issued, the guidance from the JCVI is that Covid-19 vaccines should be offered to pregnant woman at the same time as the rest of the population based on age and clinical risk group. Attachment 1.

**EYFS Statutory Framework – September 2021**

The DfE has confirmed that the EYFS reforms will be rolled out nationally from September 2021.

The **new EYFS statutory framework** has been published and legislation laid in Parliament. This is the revised and final EYFS framework that all registered nurseries, childminders, schools and pre-schools in England **must** follow from **1 September 2021**. Early years settings, other than registered EYFS reforms early adopters (who must continue to follow the **early adopter framework**), must continue to follow the current EYFS framework until **1 September 2021**. The revised framework is available for all settings now to help prepare for the changes. There are also a number of small amendments to Section 3 Safety and Welfare to make existing requirements clearer and to provide updates. A summary of these amendments and why they have been made [here](#).

[Read the new EYFS framework](#)

[Read the summary of amendments to safety & welfare requirements](#)

[EYFS-Reforms-Table-of-changes.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

All information available on the Foundation Years website including the EYFS statutory guidance. **Development Matters** (non-statutory guidance), two vodcasts and recordings from the Learn-Explore-Debate events are available in the “Support for implementation” section.

[New EYFS framework published | From pregnancy to children aged 5 \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

### **Birth To 5 Matters**

The non-statutory guidance has been published by the Early Years Coalition [Birth To 5 Matters – Guidance by the sector, for the sector](#). A Birth To 5 Matters guidance evening meeting is being held on 6<sup>th</sup> May – attached flyer has details and how to book. Attachment 2.

### **ICON Resources**

Further to the ICON presentation at the Spring Leaders’ Forum, advice and resources are available to download on the ICON website under the “For Professionals” tab. This will support partnership with parents and the dissemination of the ICON message [ICON - Babies cry you can cope - Advice and Support | ICON \(iconcope.org\)](#).

### **NHS NY CCG Sleep Service**

Please find attached flyers for the Sleep Service provided by NHS North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Initially commissioned in Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby, the approach has been so successful, NHS NY CCG has commissioned The Sleep Charity to provide support to all North Yorkshire families for a further 12 months. Please promote with families in your provision. Attachments 3 and 4.

### **NYSCP Safeguarding**

“Everyone’s Invited” NYSCP event - Attachment 5. The NYSCP now has a Facebook page at [facebook.com/nyscp1](#). The new Facebook page will join the other suite of online activities:-

- NYSCP website at [safeguardingchildren.co.uk](#)
- NYSCP on Twitter at [twitter.com/nyscp1](#) primarily aimed at professionals
- NYSCP on Instagram at [instagram.com/nyscp](#) aimed at children and young people.

### **Notifying Ofsted**

Providers **must** notify Ofsted of any serious accident, illness or injury to, or death of, any child while in their care, including positive Covid-19 cases. Notifications must be made as soon as is reasonably practicable, but in any event within 14 days of the incident occurring (EYFS 3.51).

### **DWP Kickstart Scheme - Pays you. Pays your Staff**

Covid-19 has resulted in the highest levels of UK unemployment in a generation. The DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) have rolled out the new ‘Kickstart’ Scheme. Big Billers Ltd have been approved by the DWP as official Gateway Representatives (Intermediaries) to help provide businesses with funding for staff. This will help create new job placements for 16- to 24-year-olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long-term unemployment. Employees within this age range will have 100% of their salaries paid for by the DWP and will also receive a £300 bonus for each person hired with *zero fees*. For more information email: [kickstart@bigbillers2r.com](#)

### **Pacey**

A new section for practitioners - a variety of tools designed to help ease children through the difficulties of the pandemic, no matter their age or stage.

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spolight-on/coronavirus/supporting-children-in-your-setting-coronavirus/>

### **Joint Attention – training**

Joint Attention training available for working with children with autism and associated communication needs. Attachment 6.

*“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults (men)” Frederick Douglass*