

# Early Years Key Messages

16<sup>th</sup> May 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), Just ‘B’ and Early Help. **All** early years staff are welcome to attend.

## **Wraparound Childcare Survey – Closes 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Wraparound Childcare Survey that was sent out on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. If you have not already completed the survey, please complete it by **08:00 on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. [Wraparound Childcare Survey \(office.com\)](#)

## **Early Years Funding Posters**

Further to the “Careers in early years” promotional posters shared previously with providers promoting early years careers, FIS has now produced informational posters regarding the childcare expansion programme and government funding. As with the careers posters, please use these in your settings.

- **‘Disadvantaged funding for 2-year-olds’** - For families in receipt of some form of additional government support, the eligibility criteria and where to apply.
- **‘Help paying for childcare’** – Information on the types of funding available and when it is available. The back page has a flow chart showing how to apply for Tax Free childcare and the government funded childcare.
- **‘The changes ahead’** – Information on the changes ahead for early years government funding and the expansion of wraparound childcare for school aged children. The back page has a flow chart showing how to apply for Tax Free childcare and the government funded childcare.

Please upload the posters onto your website and social media sites and/or print out to display in your settings and on parent noticeboards. You may also choose to email these out to parents, prospective parents and/or attach them to parental newsletters. (Attachments One – Three)

### **DfE Consultation on the Experience - Based Route**

The Department for Education has launched a 4-week consultation on the experience-based route for early years practitioners. The consultation asks questions about how we think the experience-based route could work. **Responses are required by 20 May 2024. You can respond to this consultation here:** [Experience-based route for early years practitioners - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Safeguarding Partnership Training Calendar – Summer 2024**

Please find attached the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Training Calendar for Summer 2024. (Attachment Four)

### **DfE Consultation on EYFS Safeguarding Requirements**

The Department for Education has launched a consultation on proposals to strengthen the EYFS safeguarding requirements. The consultation proposals include:

- Amendments to promote safer recruitment.
- Creation of new requirements for following up if a child is absent for a prolonged period.
- Creation of new requirements to ensure safer eating.
- Creation of a safeguarding training criteria annex and a requirement for safeguarding policies to include details of how safeguarding training is delivered and how practitioners are supported to put it into place. Watch the [DfE vodcast](#) to understand the changes, before responding to the consultation by **17<sup>th</sup> June:** [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### **Whooping Cough**

There has been a significant increase in Whooping Cough cases nationally along with a decrease in vaccination up take [Whooping cough: Cases up again as five infant deaths reported - BBC News](#) Along with the need to get all children to have all their childhood immunisations it is important to encourage pregnant women to take up their vaccination as they pass some of their immunity to the baby which protects them before they receive their own vaccinations. North Yorkshire has seen a big drop in maternal vaccinations. Please find attached a UKHSA toolkit and please share this information with families and on your websites etc. (Attachment Five)

### **DfE and LEYF Nutrition guidance for Early Years Providers**

The Department for Education in collaboration with the London Early Years Foundation (LEYF) and Anaphylaxis UK have developed new nutrition content on the Help for Early Years providers platform. Within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework there is a requirement that states: 'Where children are provided with meals, snacks, and drinks, these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious.' Establishing healthy eating habits at a young age is important for long-term health. Help for Early Years Providers has added [new nutrition content](#) including videos to help you fulfil the requirement to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious food for the children in your care.

The content:

- explains the importance of introducing good food habits from birth
- includes information on the dietary requirements of babies and young children and how to plan a balanced menu
- provides recipe cards for tasty, cost effective, nutritious recipes you can use in your settings
- gives tips on how to introduce solid foods safely to babies
- provides information on food safety
- links to further reading and resources

For more guidance on supporting children in the early years, visit the [Help for Early Years Providers website](#).

### **Early Years Child Development Training and Help for Early Years Providers**

The DfE have added a new module covering **effective curriculum and assessment** to the DfE's Early years child development training. Please see the attached document for further information. (Attachment Six) **you have any further questions regarding the training, contact [child development.training@education.gov.uk](mailto:childdevelopment.training@education.gov.uk).**

Users can also sign up to take part in a user research interview about this training course and provide feedback on the training using the following link: [feedback on the training](#)

### **Online Early Years Summit**

The next Early Years Summit runs from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May and providers can register for free to watch the summit webinars at <https://www.earlyyearssummit.com>.

### **NYSCP Early Years Resources**

Additional MACE resources for early years providers have been put on the NYSCP website. The information has been added to the following page NYSCP ([safeguardingchildren.co.uk](http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk)) There is a section with education resources at the bottom with an early years section.

### **North Yorkshire 0-19 Children's Health Service**

Please find attached a flyer containing details of North Yorkshire's 0-19 Children's Health Service as well as an updated child measurement briefing and information on the new website. (Attachment Seven – Nine)

### **FREE printed poster in time for Child Safety Week**

Button batteries can badly hurt or kill a small child if they swallow one and it gets stuck in their food pipe. But far too many parents still don't know about the dangers or the wide range of products powered by them. Putting up button battery poster this Child Safety Week can change that. Please use the link below to order the free printed posters. [Order your free printed posters](#)

### **Emotion Coaching Early Years Project**

The EEF/ECUK Emotion Coaching Early Years project, will be running from November 2024 till July 2025. In England over 160 settings, independently or via their Stronger Practice Hubs (SPH), have been recruited to take part in the efficacy research project. There are still spaces available for providers within North Yorkshire to take part. Further information and details can be found on the Early Years Project Page on their website and on the attached flyer (Attachment Ten): <https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/ey-emotion-coaching-project>