

Early Years Key Messages

1st 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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A reminder about the Ofsted curriculum roadshows that North Yorkshire Council will be hosting on Tuesday, 14th May at The Crown Hotel, Harrogate. These events will focus on the Best Start in Life research reviews, what an effective curriculum for communication and language, PSED and physical development looks like in the early years and prime areas of learning at inspection. Two representatives per setting are welcome but must register separately.

Date	Provision Type	Location	Session time	Booking link
14 May 2024	Maintained nursery schools and any school with pre-reception age children attending	Harrogate	09:30-12:30	Ofsted Best Start in Life Curriculum Roadshow - Harrogate - AM Tickets, Tue 14 May 2024 at 09:30 Eventbrite
14 May 2024	Early Years settings, including childminders	Harrogate	13:30-16:30	Ofsted Best Start in Life Curriculum Roadshow - Harrogate - PM Tickets, Tue 14 May 2024 at 13:30 Eventbrite

Safeguarding Masterclass – 16th May 2024

The next free Early Years Safeguarding Masterclass will be held on 16th 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.

Childcare Works – HUB for Providers

Childcare Works are a consortium of Mott MacDonald, Coram Hemsall's and Coram. They support local authorities and providers to deliver the early years entitlements expansion and wraparound childcare programme. [Childcare Works - childcareworks.org.uk](http://childcareworks.org.uk)

Childcare Works have developed a [HUB for providers](#) hosting good practice guidance, case studies, upcoming events and more to support providers. Here you will find a comprehensive library of the resources developed to support the roll-out of the early years and wraparound childcare expansion project. The HUB is now live and full of useful information with more being regularly added for your use.

Vacancy for Children and Family Support Worker – Scarborough Area

Please find attached a vacancy for a Children and Family Support Worker in the Scarborough Area. The closing date is **12th May 2024**. (Attachment One)

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

Key Safeguarding Documents

The EYFS Statutory Framework (3.7) references the following documents which were updated recently. Please ensure you are using the updated versions in your provision

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#) [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

[Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023](#) [Keeping children safe in education 2023 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

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 **17th June**: [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) safeguarding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Outdoor Learning & Growing Training - 16th July

The next "in person" Outdoor learning & growing training session will take place on **Tuesday 16th July from 12.30-3.30pm** at East Barnby near Whitby. Participants will receive curriculum resources and some growing goodies to take back to their setting. The resources and training are free as the Healthy Early Years programme is funded by public health. Book via NYES at [NYES Info](#) and code is SI-0724-T009. If you have any questions please contact Ruth Stacey ruth.stacey@northyorks.gov.uk. (Attachment Two).

#Ask Me – Have the conversation

The #Ask Me Campaign supports providers in their conversations with parents around aspects of caring for their baby. The #Ask Me page on the NYSCP website has a wealth of resources for providers to use in their settings including safe sleeping, ICON and infant feeding. There are practice guidance documents and website links. [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](http://nyscp.org.uk)

Measles

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it's important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness. Parents should keep their child away for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered. **Please refer any cases of Measles immediately by email to dph@northyorks.gov.uk who will take the necessary actions.**

'THINK' Measles

If parents think their child has Measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of Measles, they should stay at home and call their GP.

- **DO NOT** take their child to nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- **CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for arrival.

Children in provision who are suspected of having Measles should be isolated and parents contacted to collect promptly.

Vaccination

Parents can check their child's vaccination status by calling their GP surgery or checking their 'red book'. If a child has missed one of their MMR's, parents should call their GP surgery and book an appointment. The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart. MMR vaccines that do not contain pork products are available from GP surgery who may need to order this product specially. MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination. Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed. Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.Services.gov.uk)

NY Home Fire Safety Partnership Newsletter

A wealth of information and resources is available to support providers with fire safety in their business premises as well as home safety for families in the North Yorkshire Fire newsletter. Providers can sign up to receive this directly [Home Fire Safety Visit Partnerships - North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service \(northyorksfire.gov.uk\)](http://northyorksfire.gov.uk)

Internet Safety

The following links provide useful information to support internet safety messaging with children
[4-5s Homepage | CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk) CEOP Page
[Internet safety advice and information | Internet Matters](http://InternetMatters.org) Internet Matters.org
[Resources for 3-11s - UK Safer Internet Centre](http://UKSaferInternetCentre.org) UK Safer Internet Centre

National Numeracy Day 22nd May 2024

North Yorkshire Council's Multiply Team are taking part in **National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 22 May**. Sign up and your setting will receive a free toolkit! You can also enter a competition to win one of six £1,000 numeracy prize bundles and you can join National Numeracy Day Live for 30 minutes of space-themed number fun! <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/numeracyday/signup-U1>

The Number Heroes competition has prizes for different age categories, including early years – see the attached entry form and the link: <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition>.

Multiply and Adult Learning North Yorkshire have ways to offer support to staff and parents who are lacking confidence in maths skills:

- Range of free online mini courses to complete at your own pace.
- For parents to learn the current methods used to teach maths in primary school to support their child's homework.
- Everyone over 19 who have not passed a level 2 maths qualification are able to access free maths and qualifications [Maths adult learning courses | North Yorkshire Council](#).

We would love you to share the flyers with your staff and the families you work with. If you need further information please contact MultiplyTeam@northyorks.gov.uk (Attachment Three, Four and Five)

During May, families are also encouraged to work together with their Lego to enter our latest “Family Brick Challenge”. To enter the competition they email a photo of the bridge together with measurements of its width to MultiplyTeam@northyorks.gov.uk, giving an **adult's** name, date of birth and postcode. Lego sets are up for grabs for the winners! Please share with families and encourage them to enter. (Attachment Six)

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust ‘Speech and Language Therapy ‘Request for Help’ Line’

York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals would be grateful for any feedback from providers who have recently used the Speech and Language Therapy ‘Request for Help’ Line to support them to continue to improve our service. Please use the link below to access a five question survey monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5WXDCWV>