

Early Years Key Messages

November 2020

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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National Lockdown from 5th November

On Saturday 31 October, the Prime Minister announced a four-week national lockdown in England from **Thursday 5 November** until **Wednesday 2 December**. National guidance available at:-

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae&fbclid=IwAR0CXRM0zfEpl0ReDMmWTmpl8mGeywHcbgBznFmJDOfnRpuAlaCLlIjMM#contents)

[e3109cce8eae&fbclid=IwAR0CXRM0zfEpl0ReDMmWTmpl8mGeywHcbgBznFmJDOfnRpuAlaCLlIjMM#contents](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae&fbclid=IwAR0CXRM0zfEpl0ReDMmWTmpl8mGeywHcbgBznFmJDOfnRpuAlaCLlIjMM#contents)

In his statement the Prime Minister announced that **childcare and early years settings will be kept open to all children**. During the lockdown period, where early years settings are unable to deliver early years foundation stage (EYFS) requirements in full due to national lockdown restrictions, settings can disapply some of the requirements of the EYFS statutory framework as per the Department for Education's (DfE) [guidance](#). Further information will be shared when available.

Ofsted – notification of positive cases of Covid 19

You must notify Ofsted when there is a positive case of Coronavirus “Notifications - Any confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the setting (either child or staff member), or if the setting has been advised to close as a result, should be **reported to Ofsted as soon as reasonably practical**, and in any case within 14 days. Please read the [guidance on reporting incidents](#) to ensure you include all of the information required.”

Updated guide to writing a Safeguarding Policy

The guidance to writing a Safeguarding policy for early years providers has been updated to include recent changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020). This guidance will also be available on the NYSCP website. Attachment 1

Golden Ticket letters – Two Year Old Funding

The new Golden Ticket letters for Two Year Old Funding will start being sent out this month for the Spring term places commencing 1st January 2021. This removes the need for families who are eligible due to socio economic reasons to apply for the funding (ie those families who have an open claim to one or more benefit and are on the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) list sent to the LA). Please find attached a One Minute Guide and a blank template showing the design of the letter. Providers must see evidence of the Golden Ticket letter and the child's birth certificate. **The GT number generated on each letter is unique to that child and providers must enter this on the headcount return to claim the funding.** Attachments 2 and 3.

North Yorkshire Healthy Child Programme – Public Consultation on service change

A new model for the Healthy Child Programme (which includes healthy visiting services and school nursing services) is proposed which includes a public consultation. Please share this with all staff and families and encourage them to have their say. All details on the website at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/healthy-child-programme-north-yorkshire> . Please [read the information, register for an online event and fill in the online survey](#). Please follow @northyorksc on social media and spread the word about the consultation, share the posts, and encourage colleagues, parents and carers to come to an online event and fill in the survey.

NYCC Grow and Learn Website

The NYCC Grow and Learn website has information, ideas and activities based on “chat, read, sing, play” for practitioners and families to help support children’s learning and development and be ready for school. There is a youtube clip and web links to Tiny Happy People, Hungry Little Minds, Small Talk, ICAN, A Better Start and NSPCC. Please share this with families and colleagues. <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/growandlearn>

Early Years SENCO Networks

These dates are available to book through NYES. Dates and times:-

1. 09 November 13:00pm til 15:30pm
2. 10 November 13:00pm til 15:30pm

Updated Guidance Covid-19

The guidance was updated 29/10/2020 to include changes to information on self-isolation and shielding, who needs to get a test for coronavirus (COVID-19), face coverings, assessment and exams. [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

World Nursery Rhyme week

From 16th- 20th November 2020. For more information go to www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

Foundation Years

Foundation Years have launched a hub to support all early years providers during the COVID-19 outbreak. Sign up to receive the newsletter with all updates and events delivered straight to your in box www.foundationyears.org.uk

Child Accident Prevention Trust - Capt

If they buy the wrong category of fireworks, they could be putting their families in danger. Learn how to keep safe when buying and using fireworks. [Read more about the risks and how to celebrate safely.](#)

“We must walk with the child, not the child with us” Maria Montessori