

Early Years Key Messages

November 2023

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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Expansion of Wraparound Childcare – PVI Early Years/Out of School Provider Survey and Parent Survey

In preparation for the Government's expansion of wraparound provision for primary school aged children from September 2024, we would be grateful if you could please complete a snap survey using the relevant link below. This will enable us to understand the availability of existing provision, gaps in the market where there will be potential for expansion or new provision required. There is also a survey for parents regarding their potential need for wraparound provision from September 2024. Please share this with families in your provision who currently use wraparound childcare or have children transitioning to Reception next year. This will enable us to develop an understanding of potential demand.

Schools will receive the surveys through Red Bag. Your engagement is appreciated as we all prepare for the changes ahead. **The surveys will close at 8am on Monday, 20th November.**

PVI Early Years Provider and Out of School Provider Survey

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169805195393>

Parent Survey <https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=169805731173>

Expansion of Early Years Childcare Programme Survey

We will soon be sending a snap survey to early years providers regarding preparations for the Early Years expansion of childcare from April 2024. Your support in completing this is appreciated.

Dingley’s Promise Inclusion Project

The Dingley’s Promise project provides FREE training to all early years staff working with pre-birth to five year old children. All early years providers in North Yorkshire can access Dingley’s Promise online training <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme>

Dingley’s Promise has asked for parents and carers of children with SEND to complete a survey and we would be grateful if you could share this with your families. The deadline for completion is 17th November. [Parent/Carer Settings Survey](#)

Emails from Trusted NYC Sources

Please only engage with emails from trusted NYC email addresses e.g. FIS.information@northyorks.gov.uk and EYFT@northyorks.gov.uk . If you receive an email that appears suspicious, do not open it or click on links. You can contact FIS on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk to check.

DWP Two-Year-Old Funding List

The next list of potentially eligible families for Two-Year-Old Funding from the DWP is expected by second week of November for January 2024 take up. Letters, emails and texts will be sent to potentially eligible families by the LA as soon as possible after the information is received.

Starting School in Reception - September 2024

Please advise parents who have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 to apply for a primary school place for them. The deadline to submit applications is **15th January 2024**. All the information parents need to know and how to apply on line can be found on the North Yorkshire Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions

Updated Safeguarding Policy Guidance

Please find attached the link to the updated guidance to writing an early years safeguarding policy which is held on the NYSCP website. Please use this as guidance to updating your policy. It includes key safeguarding contact numbers <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/procedures-practice-guidance-and-one-minute-guides/guidance-to-writing-safeguarding-children-policy-and-procedures-for-early-years-providers/>

Safeguarding Documents

Safeguarding documents should not be printed off as all up dated information on safeguarding can be found at- [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](http://NYSCP(safeguardingchildren.co.uk)). If you type “early years” into the search bar, it will bring up documents, information and advice tools.

Safeguarding Self-Assessment Audit Tools

The self-assessment audit tools have recently been updated and can be found on the NYSCP website. Please use the tool as a guide to ensure that your provision is meeting Section 3 The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the EYFS statutory framework.

Link to the self-assessment audit tool for sole childminders:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/Resources/childminder-self-assessment-audit-tool/>

Link to the self-assessment audit tool for group providers and childminders with assistants:

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/Resources/early-years-self-assessment-audit-tool/>

Safeguarding Training – Guidance for providers

Please find attached guidance on which safeguarding training providers should complete to meet the requirements and to keep updating their knowledge. Attachment One

Flu Immunisation for Early Years Staff and Children

Information for all early years staff regarding the flu vaccination programme including the nasal flu vaccination for all children aged 2 and 3 years old (by 31st August) and staff’s eligibility for free flu vaccine during the

autumn programme. Please help raise awareness of the programme amongst parents and resources are available to download or order for free [Flu immunisation for early years settings including child minders - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Five Reasons to Vaccinate Against Flu

Please use this link to share with parents about having children vaccinated against flu [5 reasons to vaccinate your under-5s against flu - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Selective Mutism Workshop

This FREE online training session is suitable for professionals who work in a primary or early years setting with children who are reluctant to speak or have selective mutism across Selby, Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale.

The workshop will cover information on selective mutism, what causes it and what support you can offer to children in your setting. Attachment Two

Infection control Research

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) needs your help to improve guidance on dealing with infectious diseases at early years settings, including nurseries and childminders. They want to understand how guidance can help you keep your children and staff healthy and safe. They want to hear from childminders, nursery managers, admin staff, and anyone else responsible for:

- Making policy decisions about health, vaccinations or infection control
- Dealing with illnesses and outbreaks
- Sending letters to families.

If you'd like any more information about this project, please contact the lead researcher, Aaron Cameron (aaron.cameron@ukhsa.gov.uk).

Healthy Early Years Award

We now have over 100 early years providers registered on the Healthy Early Years Award with 22 providers already achieving the award. Congratulations to all those providers.

The next Getting Started on the Healthy Early Years Award training is on 21st November at either 1-3:30pm course code SI-1123-T011 or 6:30-8pm course code: SI-1123-T012. Please book via NYES and attached is a flyer for all training which includes a lovely quote from a provider about their positive involvement in the award. Attachment Three

Oral Health Training Dates – Spring Term 2024

This free training is available to all early years providers, Early Help teams and staff in Children's Social Care.

Topic	Date and time
Oral health training for professionals working with babies and young children	Monday 15 January 11am Wednesday 21 February 3pm Tuesday 19 March 10am
Oral health training for professionals working with 8-19-year-olds	Wednesday 24 January 2pm Tuesday 27 February 11am Monday 25 March 10am
Oral health for children with learning disabilities and additional needs	Wednesday 17 January 10am Tuesday 13 February 11am Monday 4 March 2pm

If you wish to attend the training, please complete the attached booking form and return to ruth.harrison18@nhs.net. Attachment Four

DfE Free Online Early Years Training

The Department for Education (DfE) has added a new mathematics module to its [early years child development training](#). This free online training has been developed with early years experts and intends to provide a greater understanding of child development, giving practical advice for supporting children in early years settings. The training can be accessed in any order and paused and restarted at any time. A certificate of achievement is awarded on completion of each module.