

Early Years Key Messages

1st November 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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REMINDER: Capital Grant Funding for Early Years Childcare Expansion

Applications for Early Years Childcare Expansion Capital Grants are **open** for all Early Years providers who wish to expand their current childcare offer to qualifying working parents in line with the government’s expansion programme. You can apply for up to £100,000 of funding to support the expansion of your childcare provision and creation of additional places for children aged 9-35 months.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday 15th November 2024. Please ensure you complete and submit all the necessary documents required to support your application.

Please contact EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk if you would like any further information.

Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Frameworks – effective from 1st November 2024

Please ensure you are using the most current EYFS Statutory Framework document for your setting which are effective from 1st November 2024. Providers are responsible for ensuring they follow the current version of the framework for their provider type. The link to the framework for group and school based providers is [EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers](#) The link to the framework for childminders is [EYFS statutory framework for childminders](#)

Dingley’s Promise – FREE Early Years Inclusion/SEND Training in North Yorkshire

Dingley’s Promise provides **free**, excellent training for all Early Years Providers - Childminders, Preschool, Day Nursery and school EY staff in North Yorkshire Council as well as for service colleagues within the council. All courses are online and accessible at your own pace. The **free** training aims to empower all practitioners to deliver inclusive practices and to increase awareness of needs and confidence in supporting all children especially those with SEND to be able to access provision. Links to more information and how to register on the links and attached leaflet [Early Years Inclusion Programme – Dingley’s Promise](#) and <https://dingley.org.uk/dingleys-promise-training/early-years-inclusion-programme/> Attachment one.

Autumn Term Early Years Leaders' Meeting

The online Autumn term Early Years Leaders Meetings for the Private and Voluntary Sector providers are available to book. For more information and to book on please visit [NYES | North Yorkshire Council](#)
13th November 2024 19.00 till 21.00 Course Code S1-1124-T007
14th November 2024 13.00 till 15.00 Course Code S1- 1124- T008

DfE/NYC terminology for disadvantage two-year-old funding

To comply with DfE terminology, wording on the NYC website pages for disadvantage two-year-old funding will change to be consistent with wording on the Childcare Choices website. The wording will change to "Government funded education and childcare for families of 2-year-olds receiving additional support". This should help families be able to navigate the website better and make it easier for them to apply for funding. If any family in receipt of additional support is having difficulty applying for government funding, please direct them to the Families Information Service on fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

Tax-Free Childcare

Please remember to promote Tax-Free childcare with families. Working families, including self-employed, can use it to pay for approved childcare for children under 12 years old (or under 17 if the child has SEND) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs> Providers must sign up to get a childcare provider account to be able to receive payments from parents using Tax-Free Childcare [Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare if you're a childcare provider - GOV.UK](#)

Recording Early Years Safeguarding Online learning session

The recording from the Early Years Safeguarding online learning session held on Wednesday, 16th October 2024 can now be accessed online at the NYSCP YouTube site at <https://youtu.be/NBW7VNZMYD0>. If you were unable to join the event, the recording provides key safeguarding information and updates including the role of LADO and MACE. Please use the recording to support your setting's safeguarding CPD.

Early Years Safeguarding Reform Consultation Response

The response to the Early Years Safeguarding Consultation has now been published and can be found at this link [Early Years Foundation Stage safeguarding reforms - consultation response](#)

Children starting school in September 2025

All Early Years Providers have been sent an email from The Schools Admission Team regarding children who were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and are due to start school in September 2025. Please encourage parents to apply for school places on line on the North Yorkshire Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions. The application round opened on 12th October 2024 and closes on 15th January 2025. Families living outside North Yorkshire will need to contact their home authority to obtain their information regarding school admissions. If you have any queries, please email schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk

Amazing Babies Training

NYC is offering Amazing Babies CPD training on 21st January 2025 from 1300 – 1500 hrs. Course code is SI-0125-T002. For more information and to book on the training, please visit NYES [NYES | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Ventilation in childcare settings

North Yorkshire Public Health would like to raise awareness of the importance having appropriate ventilation in the health and wellbeing of children and adults, especially over the winter months. Attachment two.

Unofficial "Childcare Choices" FB page

Local authorities have been made aware of an unofficial Childcare Choices FB page which has been set up by parents. Please be aware that there is misinformation being shared which is causing confusion for parents. The DfE has been made aware. Please signpost parents to the official Childcare Choices website at [Homepage | Childcare Choices](#)

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Provider Portal open for checking - deadline 8th Nov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Log into the provider portal and check Autumn term headcount ✓ Follow the instructions in the email sent on Friday 25th October to make amendments. ✓ Please note, this only relates to children attending on headcount week
After Headcount claims – portal not open yet
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If you have children who you wish to claim after headcount funding for, please contact eyft@northyorks.gov.uk to provide details ✓ Do not attempt to add these children to your Autumn headcount
Change of ownership/bank accounts/Ofsted Registration No.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Providers must give as much notice as possible where there are changes in ownership, or bank accounts; failure to inform the local authority will impact on future payments.
North Yorkshire Early Years Funding Termly Timetable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Please use the link to the Autumn Termly Timetable which will help you keep up to date with deadlines. Autumn 24 provider timetable.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)
Reminders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stretched funding - all providers who offer stretched funding must inform the Early Years Funding team of this. Full guidance can be found here Stretched Funding Guidance Sep 24.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk) ✓ Charging – all providers must ensure they provide parents with clear invoices and information about their government funded offer and any additional charges. Statutory guidance can be found here Early education and childcare (applies from 1 April 2024) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
Guidance
<p><i>What's new?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Checking Headcount Information - Autumn Term 2024.pdf ✓ Full range of guidance on Early Years Funding can be found by using this link Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement CYPInfo (northyorks.gov.uk) Please share this with the relevant staff in your provision.

