

Early Years Key Messages

15th October 2024

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Capital Grant Funding for Early Years Childcare Expansion

Applications for Early Years Childcare Expansion Capital Grants are **now open** for all Early Years providers, including childminders, preschools, day nurseries and schools who wish to expand their current childcare offer to qualifying working parents in line with the government's expansion programme. You will have received an email on 16th July 2024 with relevant information on how to apply. **If you did not receive this email, contact us immediately on EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk.** The first deadline for Early Years Capital Grant applications has now passed.

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

If you would like support with an application prior to this date or some more information email EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk.

Revenue Grant Funding for Wraparound Childcare – FINAL DEADLINE

The final deadline for revenue grant funding is 25th October 2024. All schools and PVI providers, including childminders, preschools, day nurseries and out of school clubs, received an email on 16th July 2024 providing application guidance and links to the applications forms. **If you did not receive this email, contact us immediately on wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk** Please note that applications should be submitted using the links that are in the Wraparound Childcare Guidance. All applicants should submit an Initial Questions form in addition to the application form(s) and will also need to send a signed application declaration to wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk.

Please contact wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk if you need support with your application or would like to discuss any aspect of the National Wraparound Childcare Programme.

New childminder flexibilities coming in from 1st November 2024

The Department for Education is introducing new flexibilities for childminders from 1 November to help more childminders join and stay in the profession. The new flexibilities will:

- Create a new category of childminder (childminder without domestic premises) who work entirely from non-domestic premises.
- Increase, from 3 to 4, the total number of people that can work together under a childminder's registration (including the childminder)
- Give childminders and providers of childcare on domestic premises (CODPs) more flexibility, allowing them to spend more time operating outside of domestic premises, such as a community hall or school.
- Increase the number of people needed for CODPs to operate from 4 or more, to 5 or more people providing care. Note: CODPs that were registered, or applied to register, before 1 November can continue operating with 4 or more people.

The department has published an article on the Foundation Years website to give an overview of the changes and answer main FAQs – see [Newsflash – New Flexibilities for Childminders - Foundation Years](#).

FREE online session explaining Childminder Regulation Changes

The Early Learning Alliance will be hosting a free virtual session with the Department for Education, aimed at childminding professionals, to introduce the new category of childminder – Childminder without domestic premises. Ofsted representatives will attend the event to answer any questions.

7pm on Tuesday 22 October

If you would like to attend this session please book a space by registering at bit.ly/EYACMNonDom

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 County Council website at www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions. The application round opened on 12 October 2024 and closes on 15 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

Provider Support from Childcare Works Hub

The [Childcare Works HUB](https://childcareworks.org.uk) is a one-stop shop hosting a wealth of resources to support childcare providers in support with their business models, expansion of the early years entitlements and implementation of the wraparound program. Resources are designed by Childcare Works' specialist team around the themes that childcare providers have told us are important, and new content is continually being developed. All childcare providers are encouraged to access the HUB and explore these resources if you haven't already done so. [HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](https://childcareworks.org.uk).

NYSCP – Volunteers wanted from Frontline Practitioners

NYSCP are asking for volunteers from frontline practitioners to help give shape to future work of working with children and families across North Yorkshire. If you are interested in being part of this valuable work, please follow this link for more information and details. Please email by 1st November to the email address shown [NYSCP \(safeguardingchildren.co.uk\)](mailto:safeguardingchildren.co.uk)

Children and Families Service, Early Help Page

North Yorkshire Children and Families Service are excited to launch their new NYES (North Yorkshire Education Services) landing page. The aim of the Children and Families Service, Early Help page is to ensure information is relevant and accessible for those supporting children, young people, and their families. Attachment one

Two-year-old Disadvantaged Funding

Before offering a government funded place, please ensure the parent provides proof of eligibility through a 2-year-old funding eligibility letter from **North Yorkshire Council (NYC)** valid for the term. A funded place must not be offered until the parent can show you their confirmation letter from NYC. If a parent does not have this letter **or** it is from another local authority, the parent needs to immediately apply to NYC for 2YO

Disadvantaged Funding. This is done online via our NYC website using the link here: [Early years funding for 2 year olds | North Yorkshire Council](#). If a parent has any further queries about their eligibility or their 2YO Disadvantaged Funding application, they should contact our Families Information Service by email to fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

Early Years Public Health Survey

Public Health would like your support in helping identify what work is happening in North Yorkshire to support young children and their families with a healthy lifestyle. Please can you complete the survey attached and return it direct to Gemma Marshall, Public Health Officer, North Yorkshire Council gemma.marshall@northyorks.gov.uk by **Monday 28th October**. The survey should take about 5- 10 minutes to complete, and all responses are anonymous. The information supplied will be used to help to identify what is working well and what is needed to your support your work with families. Attachment two

FREE Early Years Healthy Awards training

Please find attached information for early years providers to receive free training to achieve a Healthy Early Years Award for your provision. Attachment three.

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Change of ownership/bank accounts/Ofsted Registration No.
✓ 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.
Provider Briefing Sessions – Wednesday 16 October 1:30pm or 7pm
✓ Following the success of the briefing sessions held in February, the Local Authority is holding free briefing sessions for early years providers. The sessions will cover the 2025/26 early years funding consultation, and general information regarding claiming early years funding. The briefing sessions will be held virtually via Teams and will be one hour long, content is the same for both sessions. If you would like to attend any of the above sessions, you must send an email to eyft@northyorks.gov.uk giving the following information: Name of your setting, Your Ofsted number, Name of the person(s) attending and their email address, Preferred session date and time.
Polite reminder - Consultation on 2025/26 Early Years Funding Rates.
✓ For anyone who has yet to respond to the consultation which was sent on Friday 20 th September 2024, please use this link to access the online survey at: https://online1.snapsurveys.com/a3cnch . The consultation will be open until 5pm Friday 25th October 2024 .
North Yorkshire Early Years Funding Termly Timetable
✓ 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)
Stretched Funding
✓ All providers who chose to stretch the government funded hours offer are reminded they must make the Early Years Funding Team aware of their decision. Where there are queries regarding funded hours, the system can be configured to show us which provider offers the stretched entitlement. Full guidance on Stretching can be found here Stretched Funding Guidance Sep 24.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)
Charging

- ✓ Your government funded offer must be clear to enable parents to make informed choices for childcare at your setting. Invoices must be easy for parents to understand and the government funded hours must show, this will ensure you comply with the statutory guidance, as stated in section A1.30 Charging in this document - [Early education and childcare \(applies from 1 April 2024\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Guidance

- ✓ What's new?
 - [Deprivation Funding 2024](#)
 - [After Headcount Guidance](#)
- ✓ Do not forget! Full range of guidance on Early Years Funding can be found by using this link [Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement | CYPSinfo \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](#) Please share this with the relevant staff in your provision.