

# Early Years Key Messages

1st October 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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## **Sufficiency tab open for completion**

The sufficiency tab in the FIS Provider Portal is **now open** for Autumn term 2024. The deadline for submitting your sufficiency data is Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Please could all early years and childcare providers ensure that their sufficiency data is submitted before the deadline 4<sup>th</sup> October, including schools and wraparound providers, who are required to submit termly sufficiency information about occupancy and availability of childcare places. This is for early years (pre-reception) and children accessing wraparound places. The local authority has a statutory duty to ensure there are sufficient childcare places for eligible working parents and has up to date knowledge of the supply and demand of childcare places.

If you are not sure how to submit your data to us, please refer to the guidance attached to this email explaining how to submit your sufficiency data. The link from last term’s recorded support session can be found here and includes a demonstration on how to enter and submit your data:

[https://youtu.be/xOABi1US\\_Mc](https://youtu.be/xOABi1US_Mc) Attachments 1 and 2.

For government funded early years providers, completion of the sufficiency information via the Sufficiency Tab on the FIS Provider Portal is linked to the government funding monthly payment. As a government funded provider, this is referenced in the Funding Agreement section 14.4. **Please ensure you complete your sufficiency data return before the deadline to ensure there are no delays in receiving your funding payments.** Follow up work will be carried out for all providers who do not submit their data.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 with relevant information on how to apply. **If you did not receive this email, contact us immediately on [EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:EYexpansion@northyorks.gov.uk) .

### **Early Years Safeguarding Learning Session – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The next free Early Years Safeguarding Learning Session (previously known as the Early Years Safeguarding Masterclass) will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 1900 hrs – 2100 hrs. **All** Early Years staff are welcome to attend as well as staff working in Wraparound provision.

Presenters will include: -

- LADO
- *Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) – multi agency partnership to address the sexual and criminal exploitation of children.*

Available to book on NYES now. Course code [NYS-ON-1024-T005](#) <https://nyes.info/Event/227975>

### **Early Years Training 2024 -2025 for Providers**

The new list of Early Years training sessions is attached, please use the link to book on any training course including the termly Early Years Leaders' meetings.

[Training & Events | NYES Info](#) [Attachment 3](#)

### **Dingley's Promise Parent Carer Survey**

Please could providers distribute the attached letter to parents in your provision for them to take part in a national Dingley's Promise survey. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to have a voice and help create change for children with SEND. The survey link in the letter attached. The deadline for the survey responses is 31st October 2024. [Attachment 4](#)

### **Your Time to Shine**

The DfE's '[Do something BIG](#)' campaign is seeking inspiring and standout real-life stories from early years professionals working in nurseries, pre-schools, before and after school clubs, or as childminders. If you/your staff would like to be considered for a case study as part of this campaign, please email [earlyyears.careers@education.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears.careers@education.gov.uk) or pass this on to members of your team who may be interested.

### **NYC Early Years Healthy Packed Lunch Guidance**

Please find attached a guidance leaflet for providers to use in setting and share with families. The NYC Healthy Catering in Schools and Early Years group has produced this to support families with providing a healthy packed lunch for their children; a similar guidance has been produced for primary schools. It provides ideas and tips for families about what to include in a packed lunch, how to include more vegetables and how to reduce salt and sugar. It also provides information on the Healthy Start Scheme and cost of living support. For more information, please contact [healthyschools@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:healthyschools@northyorks.gov.uk) Please share the guidance with your families and use on your website/social media sites to promote a healthy packed lunch.

[Attachment 5](#)

### **Childhood Immunisation Poster**

Please find attached a poster which is a simple way to get information across around childhood immunisations for you to display and share with parents online. [Attachment 6](#)

### **Safety Alert issued for Water Beads.**

The Office of Product Safety and Standards has issued an alert warning that water beads should be kept away from all children under five years old. If swallowed, they expand and can block the bowel. They don't show up on X-ray so it is difficult to find them and a child may need surgery to remove. Please download and display the poster to spread the message of how dangerous water beads are.

[water-beads-poster.pdf \(capt.org.uk\)](#)

## **Early Years Funding**

<b><u>Early Years Funding</u></b>
<b>Autumn term headcount - Portal is open until 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The Provider Portal is open for headcount submissions – please ensure you log in and submit your headcount actuals before the deadline of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024.</li><li>✓ Please submit your headcount as soon as possible - you can change the claim right up until the deadline, so you do not need to wait for all children’s details to submit.</li></ul>
<b>Revised Estimate – 6<sup>th</sup> September – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The revised estimate form is now available for providers who need to amend their estimated hours. To request a link to the revised estimate form please email <a href="mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk">eyft@northyorks.gov.uk</a> by noon Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.</li></ul>
<b>Stretched Funding</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 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 <a href="#">Stretched Funding Guidance Sep 24.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)</a></li></ul>
<b>Monthly payment calculator</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ A helpful calculator has been developed to enable providers to accurately forecast monthly payments and can be found here: Calculator: <a href="#">Monthly payment calculator.xlsx (live.com)</a> Guidance: <a href="#">Monthly Payment Calculator Guidance.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)</a></li></ul>
<b>Change of ownership/bank accounts/Ofsted Registration No.</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 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.</li></ul>
<b>Charging</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 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 - <a href="#">Early education and childcare (applies from 1 April 2024) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></li></ul>
<b>Guidance</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ What’s new in guidance?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Estimates guidance.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Autumn 24 provider timetable.pdf (northyorks.gov.uk)</a></li></ul></li><li>✓ Do not forget! Full range of guidance on Early Years Funding can be found by using this link <a href="#">Early Education Places, Funding and Entitlement   CYPInfo (northyorks.gov.uk)</a> Please share this with the relevant staff in your provision. The link is always at the bottom of emails you receive from Early Years Funding Team.</li></ul>

