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Dear All

Welcome to the Early Years Key Messages Newsletter for September 2018

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**1. Safeguarding**

- a. Confused with information sharing? See our new One Minute Guide  
<http://safeguardingchildren.co.uk/admin/uploads/>

**2. Early years funding**

**a. 30 hours for Foster Carers**

From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018, all Foster Carers that work outside their Fostering role can claim 30 hours for any eligible child they look after as long as it is in the best interests of the child and supports the child's care plan. This will be a manual process for reviewing application forms, receiving and checking codes. Foster Carers will bring the codes to their early years setting to be validated as per usual processes.

**b. Electronic Checking Service start dates**

Where a parent has applied or reconfirmed by the deadline, but received a valid code with a start date between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of the following month

....Then the ECS will automatically update the validity start date to the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month before.

*Example:*

- Parent applied / reconfirmed late on 28 March –but HMRC require more information
- Parent eventually found eligible and given a code with a validity start date of 12 April
- ECS will automatically update the Validity Start date to be 31 March, making the parent eligible for 30 hours for that term.

c. Reminding parents to reconfirm their eligibility

The DfE and HMRC would be grateful if you could continue to remind parents who already have an eligibility code to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours every 3 months. As well as 30 hours, parents also need to reconfirm their eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare, if they receive it. Parents receiving both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours can reconfirm for both at the same time.

Parents who will no longer be claiming 30 hours in September, but still want to claim Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) do not need to submit a new application. However, they will need to continue to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months for Tax Free Childcare

**3. Ofsted/DfE/Foundation years team**

a. Early Education and Childcare Workforce Qualification Information

The Department for Education has published the [Level 2 Early Years SEND Qualification Specification](#)

The intention of the qualification is to provide a small qualification with a focus on supporting children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) in the early years. It will be especially useful for CPD or as a top-up for level 2 practitioners who have a qualification achieved before the introduction of the level 2 early years practitioner criteria. This specification has been designed by early years experts and stakeholders supported by the Department for Education (DfE). The DfE has also published the wider level 2 early years consultation response and level 2 early years practitioner criteria. The consultation response will be available on the following page: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-education-and-childcare-workforce-level-2-qualifications>

b. Childcare and early years applications: online service

Due to important ongoing maintenance to Ofsted Online, there is currently a delay in processing applications. They apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

[Ofsted Online service delay in processing applications](#)

c. Early Years and childcare Services: EY3 Changes to individuals

EY3 form for childminders and other childcare providers to tell Ofsted about changes to childminding assistants, household members or certain people in organisations.

[Early years and childcare services: EY3 changes to individuals](#)

**4. Training**

a. Early Years SENco Training

EYAT training Brochure 2018-2019 –attachment 1

**These Courses are now available for booking and can all be booked through North Yorkshire Education Services. Details outlined below:**

T: 01609 533222

E: [nyes@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:nyes@northyorks.gov.uk)

[www.nyeducationservices.co.uk](http://www.nyeducationservices.co.uk)

**5. Provider portal**

d. Provider Portal Updates

Please don't forget to update your Provider Portal ready for Autumn Term. **Please update your age groups and vacancies for the Autumn term.**

<https://fisportal.northyorks.gov.uk>

If you have any questions, queries, or difficulties entering information in to the Portal, please contact FIS: 01609 533483 as our friendly FIS assistant will be happy to guide you through the process.

## **6. Other**

### **a. Family and Childcare Trust update**

Last week it was announced that the Family and Childcare Trust will join the Coram group of charities to become Coram Family and Childcare.

*For almost 300 years Coram has been working to meet the needs of vulnerable children. Coram not only bring the passion and expertise to give children the best start in life, but also an effective infrastructure to make this possible. This move will help to improve our sustainability far into the future. It will mean that we can spend less on keeping the charity running and more on our work with families.*

*While our name is changing, the work we deliver will not. We will continue our current work programme, including running our Parent Champions National Network, reaching thousands of disadvantaged families each year, our childcare surveys, the definitive source of information on the cost and availability of childcare in the UK each year, and supporting the All Party Parliamentary Group on Families in the Early Years.*

*We are really excited by the opportunity this change provides to help us meet the needs of more families and to have a greater impact.*

<https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org>

### **b. Community First Yorkshire's September funding bulletin.**

Please see the below link for Community First Yorkshire's September funding bulletin.

<https://communityfirstyorkshire.org.ukhttps://communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Funding-Bulletin-September-2017.pdf>

### **c. Equipment for sale**

Louise Kendall childminding has closed her doors and is selling off all her toys and resources at her house on (Friday 31st August 7pm-9pm) her address is: 8 Greenwood Avenue, Pateley Bridge, HG3 5LS

Or email [Louise-iggins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Louise-iggins@hotmail.co.uk)