

# Early Years Key Messages

**September 2020**

**Please ensure Key Messages is shared with all staff in your provision. Previous Key Messages can be found: <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare>**

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*We wish you all the very best for the forthcoming term and academic year.*

## **FIS Portal – Sufficiency Tab**

During the first week of term, please could all early years providers update their details on the FIS portal including the Sufficiency tab indicating what hours you are open and what availability you have.

## **Department for Education (DfE) weekly survey**

Could all early years providers continue to complete the snap survey via the online link below by **09.30 am every Thursday** until further notice. The data provided by you informs official statistics released by the DfE.

<https://consult.northyorks.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=159256847548>

## **NYCC Local Authority Childcare Provision Survey**

The local authority is aware of the challenges facing the childcare sector currently and in the forthcoming year. To help us understand your situation, all childcare providers will be sent a short snap survey to complete. Help us to help you by completing the survey. Please check your inbox, including your spam and junk folders, and if you have not received it by the end of Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, contact FIS and we will re-issue it to you.

## **EYFS from 25 September 2020**

Until 25 September 2020, providers should use 'reasonable endeavours' to meet the requirements of section 1 of the [early years foundation stage \(EYFS\)](#). Section 2 of the EYFS is disapplied. After 25 September 2020, providers must meet the learning and development requirements in full.

## **Ofsted Interim Inspections**

From September 2020, Ofsted will be visiting some early years providers to ensure that standards are being maintained and that safe and effective childcare is available for all who need it. Ofsted has published [guidance on interim visits](#) that sets out how the visits will work in practice and which providers they will be visiting.

## **NYCC Golden Ticket Letter (Two Year Old Funding) – Eventbrite Events**

Please find below the links to book on the question and answers sessions for the two year old Golden Ticket letter events. We have already had a good response to these events, if you haven't already booked on please do using the link below. They will be informal sessions explaining why the application process is changing and the new process. There will be time for questions and we really value your input to ensure that any anomalies regarding the process can be addressed before going live in November.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-2-year-old-funding-process-qa-session-tickets-115333912838>

## **NYCC Golden Ticket Letter (Two Year Old Funding) – One Minute Guide**

Please find attached a One Minute Guide in preparation for the new Golden Ticket process for two year old funding. Attachment 1.

## **Keeping children safe in education 2020**

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020 is effective from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Attachment 2.

## **Safeguarding and Safety Issues**

### **IDAS Free workshop**

IDAS are running an online workshop aimed at professionals and partners. Places are limited and you will receive a link 24 hours before scheduled workshop. You can find out more and register to attend using the link [Domestic Abuse, Children & Young People: 1 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> September](#)

### **NYSCP launch Children and Families Bereavement Pages**

The aim of this page is to assist children, young people, parents, carers and their families in accessing bereavement information, resources and services when they are bereaved by the death of a child or a child is bereaved by the loss of somebody close in their lives.

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/bereavement/>

### **Child Death Review Training Dates Autumn Term**

Training is available around the North Yorkshire and York Child Death Process. This course covers the different components of the Joint Agency Response in to a child death and the role and responsibilities of different professionals in the process. You can now book online to attend one of the 2020 virtual training courses: <https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/news/child-death-review-advanced-training-dates-added/>

### **Child Death Review Annual Report 19/20 Published**

Each year the Child Death Review Panel are required to publish a report providing an overview of their activity from reviewing Child Deaths within North Yorkshire and York. The below report has recently been published and sets out the priorities for 2020/21

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Final-CDOP-Annual-Report-2019-2020.pdf> For more information on Child Death Process visit

<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/child-death-review/> or email [cdop@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:cdop@northyorks.gov.uk)

## **National Child Mortality Database**

The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD) has launched a new section of their website, [www.ncmd.info/safety-notice](http://www.ncmd.info/safety-notice) where safety notices are published. The current safety notices that professionals working with children and families should be aware of are:-

### **Water safety**

Water is fun but can be dangerous to children, including older children. The sea, pools, ponds and any standing water all pose a threat so it is important that children are watched and are never alone when around water.

### **Face masks (COVID-19)**

Face masks are NOT considered to be suitable for young children and babies, and can pose a danger to life - it is particularly relevant to share this information during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Nappy sacks**

Extremely dangerous to babies and young children, they can cause suffocation if near the mouth and nose. Never leave in a child's room - even if thought to be out of reach - and make sure that they cannot be accessed.

### **Equipment for babies; keep it simple**

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and avoid enhancements unless recommended. With cots, it is safest to keep them clear of items such as bumpers, toys and loose bedding.

### **Blind and curtain cords**

Cords on blinds, curtains and similar items must be kept short and out of reach of children, particularly in a sleep room or near a cot. They are extremely dangerous to children.

### **DfE Government Alerts**

Sign up to the government's website to receive the latest updates directly including the daily update currently issued during the pandemic crisis at <https://www.gov.uk/>

*“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood, for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul.” Friedrich Froebel*