

Early Years Key Messages

September 2023

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 that the government's EY Funding consultation ends on 8th September [consultation into the funding rates and formula for 2 year olds](#) as part of the expansion of childcare programme. The link takes you to a press release which has the consultation link. **Deadline to respond is 8th September 2023. Make your voice heard and respond to the consultation.**

NYSCP E-bulletin Podcast and Vodcast

The NYSCP safeguarding e-bulletin now has companion podcast and vodcast versions. The podcast/vodcast is short (less than 12 minutes) and designed to be a flexible way of accessing our e-bulletin information. It can be watched/listened to in team meetings or to listen to when convenient. To access the vodcast version please visit: <https://youtu.be/4pOOCf9TDeo> The podcast version can be accessed from: <https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/north-yorkshire-safeguarding-children-partnership/episodes/NYSCP-Podcast-9-Briefing-for-August-2023-e28cmro/a-aa8vmp0>

Provider Portal – Correct provider details

Please ensure your details are correct by logging into the Synergy Web Provider Portal and updating the Provider Updates Form. It is necessary that we hold correct information for your setting and often Ofsted check with FIS regarding setting contact details. Please ensure the correct 'phone details are listed for your setting, either landline and/or mobile, and not private mobile numbers for staff/committee members (past and present). Ensure you check your @nyey/school or setting email account regularly for important updates/information and use the Provider Updates Form to keep your setting's details up to date. Please also update which other providers/schools you work with when offering wraparound care.

Out of County Two-Year-Old Funding Codes

Two-year-old funding codes issued by different local authorities cannot be accepted by NYC providers. If a parent/guardian has received a code from a different local authority and would like to take up their child's funded place at a NYC provision, please refer them immediately to the Families Information Service (FIS).

We will then guide them through the process which may include them applying online at [Early years funding for 2 year olds | North Yorkshire Council](#) FIS can be contacted at fis.information@northyorks.gov.uk

EYFS Training Calendar

The EYFS training calendar for this year is now available. The events for the year are on the document so you can plan what to attend and get them booked. They are all open for booking now on NYES. Courses available are:

- The usual termly network meetings for PVI group providers and childminders or the one for schools
- The 3 modules for Principles into Practice - if you have new staff in EYFS or just want/need a refresher
- Across the year there are courses on the different areas of learning
- Securing a Good Ofsted inspection is on a few times over the year
- Developing leadership for new managers in setting
- EYFS Profile moderation events for schools are next May
- Amazing babies
- Incredible twos - if you are going to be new to taking two year old children with the expansion of the childcare offer coming from April 2024 this may be useful. Attachment One.

What to Expect When in the EYFS – A Guide for Parents

Please promote and share with families and staff the “What to Expect When in the EYFS” guide. It is a highly visual guide designed to help families understand their child’s learning and development in the EYFS. [What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf \(foundationyears.org.uk\)](#)

SEND Referral Reviews

We are moving the meetings which review referrals to the SEND hubs to Thursdays from 7th September and deadlines for consideration at that panel have moved to close of business on Mondays. All referrals received by the end of Monday will be discussed on the following Thursday.

Register to offer Tax-Free Childcare in your school or childcare provision

If you are a school or a childcare provider including childminders, preschools, nurseries, out of school club and holiday clubs, register to offer Tax-Free Childcare to your families. Working families can access Tax-Free Childcare to help pay for childcare costs and is available for school age children (up to a child’s 12th birthday or 17 if the child has a disability) **and** early years age children. It can help improve take up of childcare in your provision by supporting families with the cost. It is worth up to £2,00 per child per year or up to £4,000 per child per year for children with disabilities. You must be registered to be able to offer families Tax-Free Childcare. To sign up to offer Tax-Free Childcare visit [Sign up to Tax-Free Childcare if you’re a childcare provider - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and start promoting Tax-Free Childcare in your setting.

Blind Cord Safety

Please ensure that blinds are fitted correctly to ensure that there is no danger of a child being strangulated on blind cord. Standards for blinds were introduced in 2014 dictating that new blinds with looped cords must have child safety devices installed at the point of manufacture or be sold with the blind. RoSPA recommend installing non-looped cord blinds, not placing blind mechanisms near beds or cots and checking whether existing blinds are compliant. Further information on blind cord safety can be found at [Blind cords - RoSPA](#)

Tooth decay in children

Research shows that 23.7% of five-year-olds have tooth decay and it continues to be the most common reason for hospital admission in six- to 10-year-olds. Latest research highlights the high sugar content in breakfast cereals and yoghurts in child friendly packaging. EYFS 3.45 states “The provider must promote the good health, including the oral health, of children attending the setting” and 3.48 “Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks they must be healthy, balanced and nutritious.” Please be aware of these hidden sugars when promoting healthy eating in your provision with families and when you are providing meals including breakfast/snacks as well as cooking/baking activities.

Healthy Early Years Award Free Training

Please find attached information on the Healthy Early Years Award including training dates. This remains FREE for all early years providers in North Yorkshire. Attachment Two

Expansion of EY SENCO Training

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced that they are expanding their fully funded, accredited Level 3 Early Years SENCO training offer. An additional 2,000 places are available between now and August 2024. Existing Early Years SENCOs with a Level 3 EY educator qualification, or those due to take up the role of SENCO, including childminders, are eligible for the training.

To apply and find out more, please visit: [Early Years SENCO - Level 3 | Best Practice Network](#)

Reception Class 2024 - Children born between 01/09/2019 - 31/08/2020

Applications for parents to apply for entry into Reception 2024 will open on the North Yorkshire website from 12 October 2023 and the closing date is 15th January 2024. [Apply for a place at a primary or secondary school | North Yorkshire Council](#)

Summer Born Children

Child who are born from 1 April to 31 August are referred to as summer born. These children legally do not have to start school until a full year after their peers who will be beginning Year 1. A parent may request their summer born child is admitted 'out of their normal age group' into Reception rather than Year 1. If parents of a summer born child feel they are not ready to start school in September 2024 (i.e. following their fourth birthday), please advise them to still apply for a school place before 15 January 2024 and at the same time submit a request for admission out of the normal age group. Parents should be encouraged to visit the schools they want to apply for and staff will be able to explain the provision on offer and how children's individual needs are supported.

It is the Admission Authority for the school they wish their child to be admitted to who will make the decision. Further information for parents on the admission of summer born is available from NYC Business Support Admission Team at schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk