Welcome to the Early Years and Childcare Bulletin.

All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information.

Please circulate this EY Bulletin to all staff and Committee members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information, both locally and nationally.

The Northamptonshire EY Website is available for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

Early years and childcare

To find us on Facebook follow: Northamptonshire Early Years Improvement Team Facebook
Many thanks to all EY Providers who fed thoughts and comments into the EY Consultation. The results have been collated and will be reported upon shortly.

Thank you to all EY Providers who have submitted information for the EY Census. The Census closes today 9th January 2019 for submissions for this year.

Complete the census

Early Years Provider Reference Group

As previously mentioned, we are now establishing an Early Years Provider Reference Group. This will ensure ongoing and effective dialogue with all sectors of early years provision.

It is proposed that there will be 2 representatives from each sector on this Group, ensuring that there is a representative from each sector in the North of the County and the West of the County.

Sector representatives will come from:

- Childminders
- Maintained Nursery Schools
- Maintained Nursery Units
- Independent Schools
- Private Sector
- Voluntary Sector, including charitable status

Roles and responsibilities of the Sector representative will include:

- Engagement with relevant Providers and relevant Local Authority Officers, to understand and express the opinions and priorities of Early Years and Childcare Providers, whilst understanding the Statutory Requirements of Local Authorities.
- To promote the continuous improvement of Early Years and Childcare services for all the Sector
- To act in respect of the whole range of relevant whole Sector issues.
- To promote effective communication and positive working relationships both with the Local Authority and among Early Years and Childcare Providers.
- To provide positive support, and any constructive challenge, to officers in driving forward the Local Authority’s Early Years and Childcare services.

This is a voluntary role, and we are inviting anyone interested in fulfilling this role, to nominate themselves through completion of the online form below by Wednesday 16th January.

http://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Register_your_interest_in_joining_the_Early_Years_Providers_REFERence_Group

It is important that all EY Sectors are equally represented, so some meetings will be held as daytime sessions and some as evening sessions across the year.
Nominees will be invited to attend an introductory meeting in OAS, Northampton at 1.30p.m. – 3.00p.m. on Monday 21st January 2019, where further questions can be asked and the Terms of Reference agreed. Any nominees who are unable to attend this first session will be contacted so that they have the same information shared with them.

If there are multiple applications for these roles, we will agree a system for rotation and attendance at the meetings.

The EY Sector is also represented on Schools Forum, and this newly established group will feed into this process and to our EY Sector representatives who attend the Schools Forum meetings.

If you would like further information about this role, please outline your questions in an e-mail to EarlyYearsImprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

Applying for a School Place for September 2019

Please could you give a final reminder to parents/carers of children who will be 4 years old between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 to advise them that they only have a few days to apply for a school place for September 2019.

The closing date for applications for Reception is 15th January 2019.

It is the parent/carer responsibility to make sure their application is with us by the closing date. School places are not allocated automatically - parents/carers must apply for a place even if they have a sibling at a school.

How do Parents/carers apply?

Answer: APPLY ONLINE or by paper form

Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to apply online. Access to the online form and all the general information that parents/carers need, including the online version of the guidance booklet ‘Applying for a Primary School Place in Northamptonshire for September 2019/20’. Parents/carers are encouraged to read this booklet carefully; it can be found on our website: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Parents/carers needing a paper application form can find one on the NCC website. The form will need to be printed, completed and posted to School Admissions. Alternatively, if it is not possible to print a form, parents may request an application form by contacting the School Admissions Department. However, parents need to be aware that completed paper forms need to be received by NCC School Admissions Department by 15th January so there is a very short time to do this.

If parents/carers need any further advice about how to proceed, or practical help with completing the application form, they may contact the School Admissions Team:

Customer service Helpline: 0300 126 1000
E-mail us: admissions@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

Additionally if you need any advice, please email Angela James directly at ajames@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

Thank you for your taking time to read this - your help is valued at this important time for parents/carers. We want to ensure that as many parents/carers as possible put their applications in on time to avoid
disappointment.

Angela James - School Admissions Supervisory Officer

EY Funding

30 hours codes for January 2019 funding block

Please remember that only eligible 30 hour codes submitted by the parent by 31 December 2018 can be accepted for the current funding block.

This information has been advertised to parent and carers on our webpage


Current Training Opportunities

Exciting opportunity to achieve an Early Years NCFE Cache L3 Award for Special Educational Needs Coordinator

This programme is for SENCos wanting to gain a qualification and recognition for their role as an Early Years SENCo. This award will evidence the settings’ commitment to supporting children with SEND. It will provide the SENCo with the skills to lead and coordinate Special Educational Needs and Disabilities within their Early Years Setting.

Delegates will also be awarded with one Level 4 module: Co-ordinate Special Educational Needs Provision, this is a further CPD module that encourages qualification progression.

Delegates should:
- Be currently working in an Early Years setting as a SENCo
- Hold a level 3 (or above) qualification in early years or childcare
- Have a commitment to continuing professional development and the support of their line manager
- Be committed to attend all sessions

The programme will include twelve daytime sessions - ten direct taught sessions with some time built in for the tutor to give individual or small group support as required. The training will start on the week beginning 25/02/2019, ending by 01/06/2019. As part of the training delegates will also visit other settings and spend a session observing practice and gaining experience of a specialist provision.

This is a DfE funded course delivered to our Trainer by nasen (National Association of Special Educational Needs). The training will then be cascaded to applicants who are offered a place on the Course, and will be delivered at a central venue.

If you are interested in applying, then please sign up using the link below. This will take you to the nasen website and they will liaise with Northamptonshire re: these initial Expressions of Interest. Please
be aware that this EOI does not guarantee a place on the training.

https://r1.dotmailer-surveys.com/382f68e0-533hjvcw?utm_campaign=2247936_Early%20Years%20-%20Free%20SENCo%20Award%20Level%203%20-%20Bronze%2C%20Silver%2C%20Gold&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Nasen&dm_i=2F68,1C6IO,7N1B3S,4D18M,1

Please note there are only a limited number of places currently available for this opportunity and therefore applications following NCC acknowledgement of your initial EOI will also need to be submitted.

Thank you

Safeguarding Refresher course for early years practitioners.

Practitioners must have previous knowledge of child protection. This course is for early years workers who need to refresh their knowledge of child protection.

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Information briefing session for Childminders

This bite size training is for childminders who are supporting families who need extra help. It is designed to support practitioners with the referral pathway to targeted support and gives practical ideas and tools to use within their practice to support the more vulnerable child.

This two hour session is designed to enable childminders to explore the referral routes to accessing early help support. Delegates will hear all about Signs of Safety methodology and learn how they can use the tools within their practice to support vulnerable children and families. This session is fully funded but limited to one delegate per childminder.

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EYFS Profile Moderation Agreement Trialling and Training for Reception teachers 2019

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Training and Agreement Trialling is for practitioners responsible for the completion of the EYFS Profile. During training, exemplifications of national standards are used to ensure national consistency with regards to the principles and processes of EYFS Profile assessment and the accuracy of judgements.
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### New to the EYFS for Early Years Practitioners, Nursery and Reception Teachers, and Teaching Assistants

This one day course is for early year's practitioners, teachers and teaching assistants in PVI settings and schools who are new to working in the Early Years Foundation Stage. You will have the opportunity to become familiar with the EYFS documents, identify the different ways children learn, reflect on how adults engage children in the learning process and explore effective parental partnerships through a range of practical activities and discussions.

Delegates must be new to working in the early years sector.

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### Supporting EY Providers with using the EY Funding Portal

The first training sessions covering the basic use of the EY Portal for new providers and a refresher session for current providers took place recently.
The bitesized session covered:

- Logging In and Passwords
- Receiving Portal Messages
- Entering the Headcount and personal details for children
- Submitting the Headcount
- Time to ask FAQs

Places are currently limited, and we are only able to allocate one place per setting to allow for as many different settings as possible to attend. **These sessions will also support development of some detailed screenshots of the Portal workings and FAQ which will be available for all providers.**

To register your interest, please email earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk stating which session you would like to book and confirmation will be sent to you, if spaces are still available.

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**Early Help and Signs of Safety**

A two hour bite size course designed to enable Designated Safeguarding Leads and Practitioners to explore the referral routes to accessing early help support. Delegates will hear all about Signs of safety methodology and learn how they can use the tools within the setting to support vulnerable children and families. This session is fully funded but limited to one delegate per setting.

Delegate Feedback:-

- **Build on my knowledge and confidence with knowing what I could do to support families.**
- **Great to share experience and get positive advice/comments. Very interesting.**
- **I will not only use the mapping with EHA, but will apply it to the settings practice and for parents who need extra help with their child’s learning**
- **Will put the flow chart on the staff wall to use as a go to guide.**
- **Feedback to staff in my setting, will use at child progress meetings.**

Places are limited to one booking per setting.

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The new NIMP (Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership.)

No membership fees – simple ‘pay as you go’ cluster meetings and focussed SEND training.

2018-2019 NIMP Cluster meetings.

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For cluster meetings book your place at info@nimp.org.uk and pay £5.00 per person on the night for your SEND cluster training.

Focussed ½ day SEND training

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For the focused training sessions book your place at info@nimp.org.uk and pay £30.00 per person by following the payment details on the website.

Solihull Approach

Solihull Approach

2 day Foundation Course
for practitioners who work with very young children up to adolescents in a range of settings.
Cost: £187 per participant –
includes FREE resource pack per participant worth £76, while stocks last.

23rd Jan & 6th Feb 2019 - Wellingborough
5th Mar & 19th Mar 2019 – Northampton

Please indicate whether you prefer a School Age or The First Five Years resource folder at the time of booking.

The Solihull Approach is a nationally recognised and locally endorsed theoretical approach to working with children and their families that enhances team working within and across services. It focuses attention on promoting the emotional well-being and mental health in infants, children, adolescents and families.

The Solihull Approach draws on theories of psychotherapy, child development, including attachment and behaviourism, and brings them together in a practical way. As part of the course participants will view video footage and discuss baby brain development. The model integrates the concepts of Containment; Reciprocity and Behaviour Management into a reflective model that informs practice. It supports practitioners in their work with children and families and helps parents and carers to understand their child. It provides a framework for thinking about children’s behaviour that develops practice and consistent approaches across agencies and within services.

This training is supported by the Northamptonshire Young Healthy Minds Partnership. The Solihull Approach is one of the Building Blocks for Mentally Healthy Schools at the Essential Foundations Level within the Northamptonshire TaMHS Programme. Certification upon completion is accredited by the Solihull Approach training organisation.

In order to maximise the development of the approach in your setting, a member of your senior management team should be (or have been) one of the staff attending this training.

Solihull Approach Parenting Group Facilitation

4th April 2019 9:30am to 4:00pm
Northampton
Cost: £167 per participant

This is a one day training course for practitioners who intend to run a Solihull Approach parenting group in a community based setting such as a Children’s Centre, health clinic, school or family centre. The Solihull Approach Parenting Programme is an evidence based parenting programme that is recognised by the Children’s Workforce Development Council and is awarded the national CANparent Quality Mark for parenting courses. It aims to help parents reflect on their own and their child’s feelings and how these can impact on behaviour. By so doing it aims to enhance understanding, improve communication and perspective taking. This empowers parents and leads to more effective management of their child’s behaviour. The parenting programme runs over 10 weeks. It is suitable for parents who have universal to complex needs and children from birth to 18 years of age.

All potential Solihull Approach Parent Programme facilitators must have completed the Solihull Approach Foundation training and already be familiar with using the Solihull Approach in their practice.
This course is suitable for all practitioners who are a member of the children’s workforce in Northamptonshire.

NB: In order to run one or more Solihull Approach ‘Understanding your child’s behaviour’ groups for parents, trained facilitators will need to purchase a £91 Parenting Group Facilitators’ Manual.

For applying for one or more places, please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tamhs

Communication Channels

Facebook Page Link

To find us on Facebook follow: Northamptonshire Early Years Improvement Team Facebook

How to sign up to receive the EY Bulletin

If you wish to receive the Early Years Bulletin please complete this online form. The contact details you provide on this form will only be used to send you the Early Years Bulletin and updates.

Contacting NCC Teams

The e-mail addresses below will take you directly to the teams identified, so if you have a specific request e.g. training or a Funding enquiry, if you use the e-mail identified, you will connect straight to that team.

Early Years Improvement Team
earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

You can also e-mail this address if you need urgent advice from a Setting Improvement Contact within this team as staff will allocate your enquiry as soon as possible.

Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)
EarlyYearsWorkForce@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

For all questions about Free Childcare and Education for 2 Year olds and Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and 30 Hours…

…Please click on the direct links below for the following information and documents.

Claiming Funding for Free childcare and education for 2 year olds and Free entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds and 30 Hours Childcare including information on:
- Eligibility
- Funding Rates
- Headcount day information
- Parental contract
- Funding information sheet
- Provider calendar

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:

earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The MASH can advise on whether a family needs early help or whether they meet the threshold for statutory child protection. To make a referral to the MASH please use the multi-agency referral form:

[How to sign up to complete the MASH referral form (Word 128KB)]

For advice or for open cases where the child already has an allocated social worker contact:

**Telephone:** 0300 126 1000

**Email:** MASH@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

Designated Officer (DO) referral process.

Please refer to the tea break guide on the NSCB website:


All referrals should be sent to MASH in the first instance unless it is a consultation and then it can be sent directly to the DO inbox. LADOReferral@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Settings can telephone the DO to discuss an allegation before putting in a referral.

The DO will be available for telephone consultations from 9-10a.m., an Administrator will take messages at other times.

Designated Officer Administrator - 01604 364031
Designated Officer Andy Smith - 01604 367862
Designated Officer Christine York - 01604 362633

If you have any issues opening a link in this bulletin, this EY Bulletin is also on the website.