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.

To find us on Facebook follow:  
Northamptonshire Early Years Improvement Team  
Facebook
Many thanks to all EY Providers submitting information for the Census. We appreciate that although this is an Annual requirement, that it is still an additional piece of work – so many thanks to all staff involved.

**Progress Check Moderation Visits 2019**

The Statutory Framework for the EYFS (March 2017) requires practitioners to complete ‘The Progress Check at aged Two’ for all children aged between 24 and 36 months, and to provide parents with a short written summary.

The Local Authority has developed a supportive visit to assess the quality of Two Year Progress Checks. The purpose is to moderate the progress checks and to support settings to put any appropriate interventions into place for children.

Schools and settings are selected for a Two Year Progress Check Moderation visit based on the following criteria:

- Newly registered providers
- Providers with a Requires Improvement or Inadequate Ofsted grading
- Schools who received funding for two year olds during Autumn 2018
- Provision identified by the Setting Improvement Contact (SIC)

If your school/setting is due to receive a visit during the Spring term you will receive a letter explaining the format and preparation required for the visit, and you will be contacted by a member of the Early Years Improvement Team to arrange a mutually convenient time.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk

**‘TEACH Northamptonshire’ will be able to include Early Years and Childcare Settings job listings from April 2019**

We have been really fortunate to be able to link up with the Teach Northamptonshire Campaign that is currently offered to schools. This is an exciting opportunity to be able to advertise vacancies for staff to work in your Early Years and Childcare settings on a central website. This will be available for applicants to access across the Country.

The ‘TEACH Northamptonshire’ campaign and website has been successful in promoting Northamptonshire as a place to live and to work, and has supported Schools in advertising staff vacancies. Schools are currently able to advertise job vacancies on the ‘TEACH Northamptonshire’ website.

We are now able to also extend this Campaign to Early Years and Childcare settings in Northamptonshire, who are invited to join the Teach Northamptonshire campaign from April 2019 for an annual fee of £75. This payment will enable them to advertise unlimited vacancies throughout the year through this site.
Subscription Fees Explained.
Subscription fees have been kept to a minimum; significantly lower than local and national media, providing support for Early Years and Childcare settings in accessing both the website and new App for candidates. All income raised will be invested in the campaign.

Group and early booking discounts are available.

10% Early Bird Discount.
Respond by 21st January 2019 to qualify.
To include your nursery or pre-school in Early Bird invoicing please contact hello@kdentconsulting.com at the new Teach Northamptonshire Community Interest Company (CIC) by 21st January 2019. To qualify for the 10% discount your invoice needs to be paid in full (for the April 2019 to March 2020 financial year) by February 22nd.

Without membership, the Teach Northamptonshire website and broader campaign is not sustainable. Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm; so far 40% of Northamptonshire schools have confirmed participation in 2019 which makes the campaign sustainable in its first year as an independent service.

Repeat Articles for information

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

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.

The closing day for anyone interested in fulfilling this role is today – Wednesday 16th January, so there is still a short time to nominate yourself through completion of the online form:
http://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Register_your_interest_in_joining_the_Early_Years_Providers_Reference_Group
Thank you to those EY Providers who have already shown an interest in being part of this Reference Group.
Nominees are 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.

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**Current Training Opportunities**

**Exciting opportunity to achieve an Early Years NCFE Cache L3 Award for Special Educational Needs Co - ordinator**

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 a PVI Early Years setting (0-5) in Northamptonshire as a SENCo
- Hold a level 3 (or above) qualification in early years or childcare
- Have a commitment to continuing professional development
- Have the support of their line manager to attend all sessions
- Be committed to attend all sessions

The programme will include twelve daytime sessions:

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This is a DfE funded course and includes Nasen individual Gold membership for free for 1 year (worth £149.00).
Our Trainer, Zoe Ilott has now completed training with 14 other Local Authorities, and is an approved trainer of this award by the DfE.

If you would like to extend your skills as a SENCo and wish to express your interest in this award, then please e-mail into: Earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk and you will be sent an Expression of Interest Form. These will need to be completed and emailed back by Tuesday 29th January 2019.

Please note there are only a limited number of places currently available for this opportunity. Places are restricted to one application per setting.

### 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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### Out of School Provision Special Educational Needs and Disability Training

This course is for Out of School Providers, Special Educational Needs Coordinators (SENCo) and Inclusion Co-ordinators/Managers but would be relevant to all practitioners who work with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), in out of school provision. It covers the responsibilities for OOS providers to meet the requirements of the SEND code of practice 2015 0-25. It also aims to help practitioners consider how best to support children in their care who have an identified special educational need or disability. It covers the processes and paperwork that document the graduated approach and consequently improve transitions between school and setting in order to support the best outcomes for children.
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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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**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.
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 and confirmation will be sent to you, if spaces are still available.
Early Help and Signs of Safety

A two hour bitesize 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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**Attachment**

**Trainer:** Ellie Collar  
**Venue:** Little Steps Day Nursery, Higham Ferrers

**Role of the Senco supporting the key person**

**Trainer:** Abigail Pearson  
**Venue:** Little Steps Day Nursery, Higham Ferrers

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.

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**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.

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**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](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/tamhs)

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**Communication Channels**

**Facebook Page Link**

To find us on Facebook follow: [Northamptonshire Early Years Improvement Team Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonshireEarlyYears)

**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](mailto: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.