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
Early Years Inspection Framework

Ofsted has published the outcome of the consultation on its new education inspection framework, which will take effect from September 2019. This applies to **maintained schools and academies, non-association independent schools, further education and skills providers and early years settings.** There are key documents – Handbooks and Frameworks available, but also Research documents that are very useful. You can find the related documents [here](#).

Please look at the EY Bulletin next week for details of booking onto a Network Meeting for ‘The EY Inspection Framework’.

These are planned for p.m. / Twilight sessions:
- Tuesday 9th July – Kettering
- Thursday 11th July - Northampton

Changes that must be notified to Ofsted – EYFS 3.77/3.78

Compliance – notifications from providers

Providers who are registered on the Early Years and/or the Childcare Register are required to inform Ofsted of all notifiable events. The notification should be made no later than 14 days after the event occurred. For more information and guidance on what is a notifiable event please refer to the Early years compliance handbook section "Notifications from providers". Here you will find a table of when to notify Ofsted. [https://ofstedonline.ofsted.gov.uk/ofsted/Ofsted_Early_Years_Notification.ofml](https://ofstedonline.ofsted.gov.uk/ofsted/Ofsted_Early_Years_Notification.ofml)

This form is for the use of providers to notify Ofsted of any significant events or changes occurring at or effecting your provision. There is no requirement to notify Ofsted of a short term closure of a setting. For example, you do not need to tell Ofsted that adverse weather has forced your setting to close.

Repeat Key Articles

Paediatric First Aid

Please remember to book Paediatric first aid courses before certificates expire. Some first aid providers send out reminders 3 months before the expiry date but not all.

If you are looking for a local first aid provider you can use [EYupskill](https://www.eyupskill.org) and remember that, to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework Safeguarding and Welfare requirement 3.25, the course must be a 12 hour course which meets the criteria in Annex A,
Early Years Drop in sessions

We have arranged some ‘drop-in’ surgery sessions across the County with our Information Outreach Officers to assist with any enquiries that you may have in relation to the administration of your Early Years funding claims. This may include funding/headcount/portal questions, etc. We hope to run these on a regular basis to provide face to face support, advice and guidance.

The sessions have been booked as follows:-

There is no need to book, please just turn up on the day.

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Current Training Opportunities

Designated Safeguarding Lead

This course is aimed at the designated safeguarding lead who is new into the role. This is not a refresher course. The course explores roles, responsibilities and knowledge needed to fulfil the role as a new designated safeguarding lead practitioner.

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New to the EYFS Stage for EY Practitioners, Nursery and Reception Teachers, and Teaching Assistants in PVI Settings and Schools

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.

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Early Years Provider Forum Events

EY Provider Events have been arranged in Northampton and Kettering at different times of the day so as to be accessible for the EY Sector. Please be aware that the content of the meetings will be the same in Kettering as in Northampton, so EY Providers will only need to book on once for Session 1 in either Northampton or Kettering.

This will also apply for the Session 2 meetings and the Session 3 meetings:

Session 1 – EYWFD122b Northampton (Session 1 in Kettering has already taken place)

**Agenda for these 2 meetings to include:**

- Review of funding allocation process - lessons learnt
- Payment process
  - update from task and finish group
  - implementing funding block deprivation payments
  - update on payment of monies owed to providers
- Discussion regarding payment schedules including implementing change from monthly to funding block payment for some providers, including consultation with all sectors
- Opportunities for future joint working and key priorities for the provider group
- Key Local and National EY Updates

Session 2 - includes EYWFD122c or EYWFD122d – Session 2 Kettering or Northampton

Session 3 – includes EYWFD122e or EYWFD122f – Session 3 Kettering or Northampton

EY Settings will not be able to book more than one place on each set of the Sessions to ensure that as many settings as possible can attend the meetings in Kettering and Northampton.

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Supporting EY Providers with using the EY Funding Portal

The first training sessions covered 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.

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**Online safety**

The UK Safer Internet Centre are back by popular demand. In June they are running 2 free, online safety sessions one in Kettering and one in Northampton. The sessions are aimed at any one that works with young people from DSLs to social workers.

Select one of the links to find out more or email onlinesafety@northamptonshire.gov.uk for more information.

The Northamptonshire Early Education Partnership offers professional development opportunities for all Practitioners and Teachers, NQT’s, Managers, Owners and HLTA’s working across the EYFS in Schools and Early Years settings.

**These sessions are £40 per person to attend. To book please email; delegates name, setting and session preference to booking@nnsp.co.uk**

**Supporting children with their speech and language. Weds 12th June, 1.00-3.00pm**

Ronald Tree Nursery School, Kettering
Looking at ways to develop children’s early speaking skills within a nursery setting. There will be practical suggestions for activities to use with children and delegates will be able to share their own good practice with colleagues. Delegates will have the opportunity to look around the setting to see
some of the ideas in action

**Effective planning for children in the Early Years, Mon 17th June, 5.00-7.00pm**  
Gloucester Nursery School, Northampton  
Early years practitioners are tasked with the need and ability to observe, plan and assess for children in their setting, they are required to promote learning through observation and the extension of the provision. These theoretical and practical sessions will explore the methodology to a good quality meaningful observation, planning and assessment cycle with some emphasis on exploring enabling environments and the characteristics of learning.

**Supporting children with EAL, Tues 18th June, 4.00-6.00pm**  
Highfield Nursery School, Wellingborough  
An opportunity to explore a setting that has over 60% of children as EAL. Practical examples of how the environment and resources support children's language development as well as examples of experiences and activities that promote learning.

**Supporting children’s early reading and writing, Tues 25th June, 5.00-7.00pm**  
Croyland Nursery School, Wellingborough  
Considering the different ages and stages of development we will look at what type of experiences promote early reading and writing. We will consider the learning environment with the type of resources that promotes Literacy and watch video clips of practice to develop our teaching and learning skills further. From this we hope you will extend your knowledge of Literacy based experiences and be confident to try new or developed practice in your setting.

**Observation, Assessment and planning – the cycle, Tues 27th June, 1.15-3.15pm**  
Parklands Nursery School, Northampton  
Early years practitioners are tasked with the need and ability to observe, plan and assess for children in their setting, they are required to promote learning through observation and the extension of the provision. These theoretical and practical sessions will explore the methodology to a good quality meaningful observation; planning and assessment cycle with some emphasis on exploring enabling environments and the characteristics of learning. The voice of the parents and child will also be incorporated into this cycle.

**National Portage Workshop**

We are pleased to be able to offer another National Portage Workshop starting in June. This course will run over 2 full days and a half day, with a follow up half day in Sep. All sessions must be attended to achieve accreditation. Delegates can attend the course for their own professional development or as part of the Portage Stamp of Approval. The National Portage Association (NPA) Stamp of Approval Scheme is an award given to early year’s settings who have demonstrated they deliver inclusive early years education based upon Portage Principles. See [www.portage.org.uk](http://www.portage.org.uk) for further information on the Portage Stamp of Approval.

Places will be offered both from within Northamptonshire (subsidised at a cost of £50 per delegate) and nationally. Places are limited for this course so early booking is recommended. To book, please follow the link below. NB please make sure you book onto Portage Workshop 1 to get the subsidised price.

**Dates for the course:**

Friday 28th June 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Friday 5th July 2019 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Thursday 11th July 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm
Friday 6th September 2019 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/national-portage-association-portage-workshop-1-local-delegates-northamptonshire-tickets-60922041466?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

The new NIMP (Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership)
No membership fees – simple ‘pay as you go’ cluster meetings and focussed SEND training.

2019 NIMP Cluster meetings.

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Northamptonshire Educational Psychology Service

We would like to thank Frances Smart for all her amazing work she has done for the Northamptonshire Baby Room Project. We hope she has a fun filled retirement after nearly 50 years working at the County Council in her various roles.

For any future manual or course requests please contact Charlotte Ireland at:
NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk

The Northamptonshire Baby Room Project© – Practitioner’s Courses 2019-2020

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If a place is cancelled within one month of course start a £50 cancellation fee will apply.

The practitioner course: three half day sessions, each a month apart fostering reflective practice. Babies’ brain development; Babies’ Emotional Development; and Babies’ Playing and Laughing Each session combines: Quizzes, DVDs, Group discussion, A baby’s journey, Making easy resources.

It is highly desirable that two people from each setting attend.

Booking contact: Charlotte Ireland, Administrator NorthantsBabyRoom@northamptonshire.gov.uk
Veronica Lawrence, Specialist Senior Educational Psychologist - Early Years
vlawrence@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk
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

If your questions cannot be answered from the website, please contact:
earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
For advice, or for open cases where the child already has an allocated social worker contact: 0300 126 1000
Designated Officer (DO) referral process

All referrals regarding allegations 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. LADORreferral@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. Please refer to the tea break guide on the NSCB website.

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.