



**Northamptonshire County Council
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Welcome to the Early Years Bulletin.

All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information. Please circulate this EY Bulletin to staff members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information both locally and nationally.

Please don't forget to access the Northamptonshire EY Website for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS) and teaching resources and training.

[Early years and childcare](#)

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Weekly News, Alerts and Updates for all EY Providers

Welcome back to you all following the recent holiday break, and we hope that you have had a rest and time to enjoy a few days of sunshine!

This is the first EY Bulletin for the Summer Term 2017, and this week provides key updates including information about EY Funding and current Training opportunities.

FAO: All EY Providers - EY Funding for 2, 3 and 4 Year olds

Please read the information below in regards to the free childcare and education for 2 year olds (FCE2YR) and the Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds.

Information concerning funding is regularly updated on the NCC EY Website [Early years and childcare](#), but if any EY Provider has a direct enquiries in regards to EY funding, these should be sent to earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

Any EY Providers who wish to register to offer funded places should also use this e-mail and the appropriate information will be sent to you.

Funding rates for 2017-2018

The funding rates for 2017 to 2018 period have been finalised. The free childcare and education for 2 year olds (FCE2YR) has been set at an hourly rate of £5.10 but there will be two funding rates used for the Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds during the 2017 to 2018 period.

A transitional formula with a base rate of £3.75 (including £0.14 notional SEN) will be used from 1 April to 31 August 2017 and a final formula, with a base rate of £3.80 (including £0.14 notional SEN) will be used from 1 September 2017 to 31 March 2018.

You can find details of each formula and additional information in the 'Component Elements of the EYSFF' documents on the [Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds web page](#)

Online Headcount Return Availability Dates

Head Count Day

For the Summer 2017 Online Headcount Return, the online funding form will be available from Tuesday 25th April until midnight on Sunday 7th May 2017 inclusive. Please ensure that all submissions are made before the deadline of midnight Sunday 7th May 2017. On the last Online Headcount Return there were quite a few errors, children missing, deadlines being missed, please make sure that the information you are supplying is as accurate as possible. This information is used to make your payments. If the information is incorrect your funding may be too.

Sufficiency Workshops

Save the date! Towards the end of June, 23rd, 24th and 25th we will be running a series of Childcare Sufficiency workshops in each of the areas. We are currently looking at the agenda for these and will share more information as well as how to book in the next couple of weeks.

30 hours Extended Entitlement Survey

We have been advised by the DfE that the Online Eligibility Checker for 30 hours will be live at the end of April. This can be found as part of the Tax Free Childcare Eligibility Check on the .GOV website. With this in mind, we are going to be releasing a 30 hours survey towards the beginning of May to capture information from our childcare providers. We'll be sending around the link to the survey shortly, we would really appreciate as many responses to this survey as possible.

Safeguarding

The latest NSCB newsletter contains important information to read and can be found by following the link <http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/about-northamptonshire-safeguarding-children-board/publications/e-newsletters/>

New EYFS (2017)

Please take time to ensure that you have read the safeguarding and welfare changes.

Paragraph 3.7 (“child protection”) includes references to new and updated government advice and guidance (e.g. Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015, and the Prevent Duty Guidance 2015), which has been published since the EYFS was last updated in 2014.

The summary section of the EYFS includes a new paragraph to clarify which provisions in the EYFS document are requirements (provisions indicated by the word “must”) and where providers must have regard to other provisions (provisions indicated by the word “should”). **There are lots of ‘musts’ within the welfare requirements so please review these so as to ensure that you are meeting the requirements!**

Childcare Business Grant Scheme

DfE has re-launched the Childcare Business Grant Scheme. It helps new childminders and childminder agencies (CMAs) enter the childcare market by awarding one-off start-up grants of either £500 or £1000. The grants are to help with the set up costs of new childminding businesses involved in the delivery of the new 30-hours entitlement. To be eligible, businesses must start within 3 months of the registration date on their Ofsted/CMA certificate, or be due to start within the next 6 months. Read more [about the grants and how to apply](#).

Collaboration between providers is an important part of the 30-hours entitlement, and we are keen to promote it. The Family and Childcare Trust has produced a practical [toolkit](#) to help providers consider and establish successful partnerships between all early years providers.

FAO: Members of the *Early Years Foundation Stage Forum*

Northamptonshire Early Years Team are not currently subscribing to the Foundation Stage Forum, so if you are a member subscribed under the Northamptonshire scheme, this will mean that your individual fully subscribed account will continue until its natural expiry date (one year from when you registered or were last renewed under the scheme), but after this date you will need to take out an individual subscription if you wish to continue to fully access the FSF. You will receive an automated email notifying you when this date becomes due.

When you renew your **Tapestry** account your LA membership will be superseded by the combined Tapestry / FSF subscription. This means that the LA discount will no longer apply and you may notice a

small increase in the cost of your Tapestry renewal..

If you have forgotten any of your login details or have any problems with access, please let FSF know by emailing sue@eyfs.info

Current Training Opportunities

Cancelled: Trauma Training – Understanding the impact of emotional trauma on young children and how best to support them in an Early Years Setting

Unfortunately, this Training session (EYWFD28 27th June 2017) has had to be cancelled at this moment in time. All delegates should have been contacted directly and notified that there is no cost to them in regards to this training cancellation.

Safeguarding Training

Face to face training is available with the EY Team. Current training includes DSL training, safeguarding refresher training, safer recruitment and introductory training. Specific dates are to follow, please see our website for new dates and costs.

For information about 'in house' Safeguarding refresher training, please email eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board

There is some face to face training currently being developed, but e- learning is still available.

You are able to take part in the NSCB training challenge! The featured course this month is ***Safeguarding Refresher***.

[NSCB E-Learning Catalogue](#)

[NSCB Guide to Getting Started with E-Learning](#)

Log in and Sign up to E-Learning

Role of the Key Person in supporting children with SEND – Early Years

This is a new course, designed to support the key person who has the day to day responsibility for working with children who may have an emerging special educational need.

This training aims to support practitioners to:

- understand their role and responsibility as a key person in supporting the early identification of a child with SEND
- understand developmental processes in order to be able to identify small step targets for children with SEND

- explore the processes and procedures for gaining further support for the child and /or yourself as the professional
- consider how to approach challenging conversations with parents.

There is an expectation that participants will complete a gap task which will involve documenting the identification of a child with a special educational need and setting small step targets, reviewing and evaluating the impact of the planned activities. Participants will share paperwork and feedback at the second session.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD33	Role of the Key Person supporting children with SEND-Early Years	13.00pm-16.00pm	20 th June 2017 11 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£70	NCC Website

BOOKINGS:

Please complete the details below and e-mail to: earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk
You will receive confirmation of your booking. Please see our revised [terms and conditions](#)

Course Code	
Course Venue	
Course Date	
Setting Name	
Setting Address	
Setting e-mail and telephone no.	
Name of Delegate	
Training ID Number	

Network Meeting for NQTs and Experienced Teachers New to the EYFS

This network meeting is for NQTs and teachers new to teaching in Reception to help prepare for the Summer term EYFS profile moderation visit.

Bookings can be made through the NCC website and must be made in advance.

Course code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Link to Website
EYWFD34	Network Meetings for NQT's	16.00pm-17.30pm	11 May 2017	Bridgewater Primary School Bridgewater Drive Northampton NN3 3AF	NCC Website

Are you a member of the Northamptonshire Inclusion and Mentoring Partnership (NIMP)?

Membership is £10 to allow two people from your setting to come along to any of our meetings and

events, to gain skills from qualified trainers, network between other SENCOs in your area. You will also have access to the skilled and qualified SENCO's in the NIMP who can offer advice and support all year round.

Please contact info@nimp.org.uk or visit our website www.nimp.org.uk for more information and a membership form.

Cluster meetings/training will be on offer in all areas of the county during the summer term.

Go to the Website info@nimp.org.uk to find out more.

NIMP Cluster Meetings: The following cluster meetings have been organised.

Date	Subject	Area	Contact to book:
24/04/2017 7-9pm	Early writing	Ducklings Pre-School, Creaton, NN6 8NH	Rhonda Rowlett – ducklings_creaton@aol.com
8/05/2017. 7pm.	Music in the Early Years	Higham Ferrers Rushden and Raunds Little Steps Day Nursery 5-7 College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX	jo@littlesteps-nursery.co.uk
17/05/2017 6:30 -8:30 pm	Trainer – Ellie Collar. Developing the skills for early writing.	Wellingborough. Everyday Champions Church, Havelock Street, Wellingborough. NN8 4QA	zoe@littlechampsnursery.org Telephone: 01933 225543.
25/05/2017 6.30-9.30 pm	Autism Awareness: Practical ideas to help engagement.	Daventry Flore Pre-School Northampton, Brodie Lodge, Flore NN7 4LW	daventrynimp@gmail.com

We would be interested in speaking to a setting SENCO/Manager who would be willing to coordinate a cluster meeting in the **Oundle/Thrapston** or in the **Brackley** area. Contact barbara@nimp.org.uk for further details.

Northamptonshire Nursery Schools Partnership (NNSP)

Our new Learning and development Guide is out now <http://nnspp.co.uk> or email kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk to request a copy. We have the following sessions available this half term.

We have the following Professional development opportunities available in May for all staff working across the EYFS in any setting.

Thursday 27th April 9:15-12:00 or 1.15-3.00 Fairfields School

SEND: How can I play? £60

Explore the complexities of accessibility to learning for children with SEND in the early year's

environment. Observe and discover how children access learning physically and cognitively and in turn how we as practitioners observe, plan and record their learning when they have barriers to their learning.

Friday 28th April. 9.15-11.30am Parklands Nursery School

From Babble to Book: Early Literacy £30

Understanding Children's development with communication and language is explored along with an opportunity to thoroughly focus on the opportunities available for developing and enhancing early language with firm links to the EYFS.

Tuesday 2nd May. 4:00-6:00. Croyland Nursery School

SEND; EYPP Interventions – Nurturing Children £60

Explore in-depth ways of using the EYPP to nurture children, methods for capturing the impact and discussions on how to use EYPP in your settings.

Wednesday 3rd May 4:00-6:00 Pen Green Nursery School

Mathematics in the Nursery Environment. (Early Numeracy)£60

An opportunity for you to come, explore, discover and have some fun learning about mark making and maths in the environment. Gather ideas for early numeracy in your setting whilst identifying firm links to its role in the EYFS

Thursday 4th May 9.00-12.00. Camrose Early Years Centre for Children and Families.

Inside and Out – The three to four year old environment. (Observations and Early Literacy)£60

An opportunity to thoroughly track 3-4 year old children in their enabling environments, exploring their thinking and their route to becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

Thursday 4th May. 9.15-11.30am. Parklands Nursery School

Leaving a Mark: Early Literacy £30

The skill of writing begins with mark making. Explore mark-making looking at development in mark making and adult sensitive involvement; developing mark making to meaningful communication to letter shapes

Monday 8th May 9:00-11:00 Wallace Road Nursery School.

ICT Apps and Record Keeping £60

Gain strategies for developing children's understanding of the world through Technology. Observe various ways of imbedding ICT into the EYFS and using ICT to assist record keeping with specific reference to using 2 simple.

Tuesday 9th May. 9.00-11.00. Highfield Nursery School.

When actions speak louder than words; Managing Children's Behaviour....In Action. (EYFS)£60

An opportunity to observe various techniques to identify behaviours and the possible triggers for behaviour. We will then equip you with further strategies and ideas for managing challenging behaviours once identified in your setting.

Thursday 11th May 1:15-3:15 Pen Green Nursery School.

What did we see? What shall we do? Observation and Planning following a child's agenda. (Observation) £60

Explore how observations are recorded and analysed for individual and groups of children, ensuring it is responsive to children's own agenda's, ideas and schematic play.

Friday 12th May. 9:00-11:30 Whitehills Nursery School

If you go down to the woods today... the Outdoor Environment. £30

Observing interactions and relationships in the nursery, the strategies being used and the impacts on children and discussing common triggers for certain behaviours and acknowledging the feelings of the child.

Monday 15th May. 9:00-11:00 or 1.00-3.00 Wallace Road Nursery School

I'm ready to learn...are you? The Characteristics of Effective Learning. (EYFS and Observation) £30

Explore in depth the Characteristics of Effective Learning (CEL), the prime and specific areas of learning and development and the way they are all interconnected. Dissect and explore the CEL and understand how the themes and principles work together for children in the EYFS

Wednesday 17th May. 1:15-3:15. Gloucester Nursery School

Boys: Exploring Gender Differences. £60

Explore gender differences; strategies to promote boys literacy skills as well as superhero play. There will also be the opportunity to consider the development of early writing skills with a focus on providing experiences which are both purposeful and pleasurable

Thursday 18th May. 9:00-11:00 or 1.00-3.00 Wallace Road Nursery School

I'm trying to tell you something! What is the communication behind the behaviour? (EYFS and Early Literacy) £60

Observe interactions and relationships in the setting, the strategies being used and the impacts on children and discussing common triggers for certain behaviours and acknowledging the feelings of the child.

For further information or to book your places, please email: booking@nns.co.uk or book via the NNSP website <http://nns.co.uk/>

Upcoming Events at Pen Green – Research, Development and Training Base

Please follow the link to our website with information on all our courses; <http://research.pengreen.org/>

Well Being and Involvement: A seminar by: Professor Ferre Laevers
Friday 5th May 2017 1:30-3:30pm

<http://research.pengreen.org/well-being-and-involvement-ferre-laevers/>

**Visitors Days – An Introduction to Pen Green:
Wednesday 17th May 2017**

One day professional development opportunity. Learn about our key concepts and pedagogical strategies. View the nursery spaces and gardens. Engage with our practitioners and leadership team

Contact:

01536 443435

pengreenenquiries@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Contacting NCC Early Years 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@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Early Years Workforce Development Team (for enquiries about training and qualifications)

EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Free Entitlement and Funded Early Learning (for all funding questions, Headcount questions)

earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Other Key Contacts

Northamptonshire Childminding Association

Contact: General enquiry line 0845 838 3724

Website: www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk

Email: info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk

Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB)

Visit the website below for information on significant policy changes, serious case review learning, leaflets and face to face training courses.

www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk

(EY Improvement Team Safeguarding Lead: Carolyn Lewis-Hall)

Childcare Vacancies

If you are a childcare provider within Northamptonshire you will now be able to tell us about any childcare vacancies you have and we will advertise them for you on the NCC Early years and childcare page. You can use the e-form found on the [NCC childcare provider page](#) to post your adverts. There is a £80 charge per advert and this can be paid via credit or debit card using the e-form.

The NCC Early years and childcare webpage generates over 180,000 hits per year. So your advert will be seen by people from across Northamptonshire.

Job bulletins will be published every Monday. The deadline for submitting vacancies to us is every Friday at 17:00 PM. Any adverts placed after this time will be published the following week. Your job vacancy will be viewable on our website for two weeks.

Please email the web team if you require more information. webteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk

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