



**Northamptonshire County Council  
Early Years Bulletin  
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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

### Are you on the Local Offer?

Early years providers who are in receipt of Local Authority funding for children are expected to have regard to the Children and Families Act SEN code of practice 2014. (chapter 5)

**One part of this is an expectation that they will contribute to the Local Offer.** This can be done by sharing the details on how they support children with special needs and disabilities with the Local Authority for it to be published on the [Local Offer](#) .

Providers can do this by sending in their SEN/Inclusion policy to the Local Offer team on [LocalOffer@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:LocalOffer@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or by sending in a link to their web site if they have one.

If you are not sure if your setting has already done this, you can check by looking up your setting's details on the Local Offer. If you wish to change anything that is published please let the Local Offer know.

Settings that have already provided information to the Local Offer receive an email annually for updates or approval of the current information held.

### Referral Management Centre

The Referral Management Centre (RMC) offers a single point of access for professionals wishing to make referrals for children and young people with health needs. Further information and a link to the NHS Foundation Trust website can be found on the NCC Early Years SEND webpage (link below).

<http://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/information-for-childcare-providers/the-early-years-curriculum/Pages/special-education-needs-and-inclusion-in-the-early-years-foundation-stage.aspx>

The NHS Foundation Trust webpages have recently been updated and the link to access and download a copy of the referral form has been restored however if you experience any difficulties accessing the referral form please contact RMC directly on Tel: 0300 1111 022.

### DFE 30 Hours Guidance (Repeat)

The DFE have now published the operational guidance for the delivering the 30 Hours Free entitlements. The full document is available online through the following link. The guidance includes information on expectation of delivery for local authorities and providers as well as providing useful models of delivery and charging. This will be a useful source of information for you when developing your offers for September 2017 onwards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-la-and-early-years-provider-guide>

Please reference p.33 to see the case study from Northamptonshire!

## Current Training Opportunities

### 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. [Early years and childcare](#)

For information about 'in house' Safeguarding refresher training, please email [eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> June 2017 11 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£70	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

### BOOKINGS:

Please complete the details below and e-mail to: [earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto: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	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

## Transition to School Marketplace for Early Years Providers and Reception Class Teachers in Corby

Starting school is a major transition for children and their families. It is a period of change that can be both challenging and exciting. Join Pen Green Centre for Children and their Families at this marketplace event to discuss transitions with others in Corby.

Thursday May 18th 2017 3.30-7pm

RSVP to Pen Green by 11th May 2017 to either [cwelsh@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:cwelsh@northamptonshire.gov.uk) or [gwoolley@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:gwoolley@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## 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](mailto:info@nimp.org.uk) or visit our website [www.nimp.org.uk](http://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](http://info@nimp.org.uk) to find out more.

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

Date	Subject	Area	Contact to book:
09/05/2017. 7pm.	Music in the Early Years	Higham Ferrers Rushden and Raunds  Little Steps Day Nursery 5-7 College Street Higham Ferrers NN10 8DX	<a href="mailto:jo@littlesteps-nursery.co.uk">jo@littlesteps-nursery.co.uk</a>
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	<a href="mailto:zoe@littlechampsnursery.org">zoe@littlechampsnursery.org</a> 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	<a href="mailto:daventrynimp@gmail.com">daventrynimp@gmail.com</a>

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](mailto:barbara@nimp.org.uk) for further details.

## Northamptonshire Childminding Association

Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA) works alongside the Early Years Teams in NCC to promote and support prospective and registered childminders in Northamptonshire.

Read more about NCA here: <http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk/about/> or find us on Facebook by searching for Northamptonshire Childminding Association.

Part of the support offered through NCA is the availability of many **resources and online training**. These resources are produced by the NCA staff team and most are useful to all early years settings. Our full range of sensibly priced products is available in our shop

<http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/>

The NCA Premium Membership package offers a saving of around £200 on shop prices

<http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk/nca-membership/>

### Extra Child Tax Credits for Disabled Children.

Families who have children with disabilities may be entitled to extra Child Tax Credits. Each disabled child may be entitled to up to £3,175 on top of the child element of Child Tax Credit and each severely disabled child may be entitled to up to £1,290 on top of the child element and the disabled element. Families with disabled children need to be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment or Armed Forces Independent Payment. Please share this information with any

parents you know who may be eligible <https://www.gov.uk/child-tax-credit>

### **Annual Conference; Healthy Lifestyles – Supporting the Obesity Strategy**

The conference will take place at the Hilton Hotel, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton from **9.00-4.30** on **SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Our patron, Neil Griffiths will be joining us for the morning and** we are delighted to welcome the return of the inspirational **Michael Pettavel** as our keynote speaker, who will have **'Physical Risk – Mental Challenge'** as his theme.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE AT ONLY £50 each!** (£40 for NCA Premium members) and includes attendance at a morning and afternoon workshop, refreshments and a hot lunch.

This event is open to our childminding colleagues and other early years practitioners. We would love you to join us! Visit our website to find out more or to book your place

<http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindinguk-conference-2017/>

### **Safeguarding Children Training**

This course has been written specifically to meet the needs of Northamptonshire early years practitioners and covers everything you need to know from identifying suspected abuse to recording and reporting concerns - including an introduction to the Prevent Duty. Elaine Pitteway and Tina Maltman will be delivering this course.

The Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) has assessed the course content, course materials and the qualifications and experience of the trainers.

Recommendation from NSCB is that all practitioners update their safeguarding training every 2 years. The Inspecting Safeguarding in Early Years, Education and Skills Settings document states that knowledge should be updated annually.

100% of learners who have attended this course in the last 2 years have said they would recommend it.

Safeguarding Children					
Day	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Booking
Saturday	9.00am-12.30 pm	20th March	Sunley Conference Centre, Boughton Green Road Northampton NN2 7AL	£30	<a href="http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/">http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/</a>
Refreshments: Tea and Coffee will be provided.					

### **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](mailto:kim.carne@nnspp.co.uk) to request a copy. **We have the following Professional development opportunities available in May for all staff working across the EYFS in any setting.**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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@nnsps.co.uk](mailto:booking@nnsps.co.uk) or book via the NNSP website <http://nnsps.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/>

### Visitors Days – An Introduction to Pen Green: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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

[EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:EarlyYearsWorkForce@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## For all questions about Free Childcare and Education for 2 Year olds and Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds...

...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](#), 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@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Other Key Contacts



## **Northamptonshire Childminding Association**

Contact: General enquiry line 0845 838 3724

Website: [www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk](http://www.childmindingnorthants.org.uk)

Email: [info@childmindingnorthants.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:webteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

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