



**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

### 30 hours survey for EY Providers and Parents

Please find the links below to use if you have not yet completed the on-line survey form. We do realise it may be tricky at this stage to have a clear view on what will be happening in September but it would be most helpful to NCC to gain a feel for the likely response from childcare settings when the new entitlement starts. We are only looking for **estimates** at this stage. We would really appreciate it if you could answer all of the questions as you look through the survey. Thank you!

#### Provider survey

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/council/consultations/pages/Details.aspx?cid=bd a0bac4-f9cc-4e6d-b596-1bdee6c33d5f&search=current&page=1&sortby=3&currentposition=0>

#### Parent survey

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/council/consultations/pages/Details.aspx?cid=b3 a42ba4-7bf3-4f6Sunrise and Sunset Club5-86d4-72caab93c067&search=current&page=1&sortby=3&currentposition=0>

### Childcare Choices

The Government is introducing **Childcare Choices**. Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers for the first time, helping parents find the right childcare support to suit them.

As part of Childcare Choices we're introducing two new offers in 2017 – **Tax-Free Childcare**, which will be introduced on 28 April and gradually rolled out, and **30 hours free childcare**, available from September 2017. From the end of April, parents will begin to apply for both schemes at the same time through a new digital childcare service.

The new Childcare Choices website provides information on the new and existing Government childcare offers: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

We have created a toolkit to provide you with all the information you need to know on Childcare Choices. This includes some suggested materials to help you spread the word **to parents and staff**:

<http://transfer.23red.com/public/files/3u3k-88mqpoco>

Included in the toolkit you will find:

- Information on Childcare Choices and the new offers
- Suggested text to email to parents
- The Childcare Choices logo
- Some graphics and messages you can use on your social media channels
- An A4 poster
- An A4 information sheet for staff and parents

## Current Training Opportunities

### Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Board

The number of early year's settings and practitioners taking advantage of the NSCB E-Learning offer has been really encouraging and remember the NSCB provides its online safeguarding training courses free to all agencies and practitioners working in Northamptonshire.

If you haven't yet accessed or seen our online courses below are some links and documents to help you get started with the NSCB online learning.

[NSCB E-Learning Catalogue](#)

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

[Log in and Sign up to E-Learning](#)

\*Please note this a different system with different courses available to your LGSS/L&D log in. If you have any issues please contact the Business Office on 01604 364036.

View [here](#) to read the latest Bulletin from NSCB.



### Qualifying SENCo/Inclusion Co-ordinator Training – Early Years

This course is for SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinators new to post. Maintained Nursery units, Nursery schools and child minders may also access this training as well as Reception teachers who wish to develop their knowledge of supporting children with SEND. It aims to enable SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinator to understand their roles and responsibilities and the statutory duties of the SENCo/Inclusion co-ordinator in an early years setting. It is an expectation that practitioners attend all sessions and will receive a certificate of attendance at the end.

It is a requirement of the course that participants have at least a **relevant level 3** qualification.

**Please note attendance charge and lunch will not be provided.**

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD29	Qualifying SENCo Training-Early Years	09.30am-15.30pm 13.00pm-16.00pm	27 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 10 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£100	<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	

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

This course is open to maintained nursery schools, maintained nursery units, reception class teachers and childminders.

This is a repeat of the course delivered by Jane Evans who is an independent consultant and an Associate Trainer with Kate Cairns Associates. The course focuses on identifying children who are vulnerable to the effects of emotional trauma from an early age, even pre-birth. There is time built in to the day for practitioners to reflect on strategies they will implement and make changes to practice as a result of a raised awareness, through professional curiosity, of those children and families who are at risk.

You will need to park in one of our Town car parks (nearest is St Johns) and pay for a days parking, please see [map](#) for car parks in Northampton.

**Please note attendance charge. A sandwich lunch will be provided. Please confirm if there are any special dietary requirements.**

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD28	Trauma Training	09.30am-15.30pm	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	NCC One Angel Square 4 Angel Street Northampton NN1 1ED	£100	<a href="#">NCC Website</a>

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## 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>

## Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA)

Northamptonshire Childminding Association (NCA) promotes and supports prospective and registered childminders in Northamptonshire.

Part of the support offered is the availability of **resources and online training**. These resources are produced by the NCA staff team and most are useful to all early years settings. Visit our shop to find out more <http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/>

### Conference Bookings are now open

The theme of this year's conference is **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.

The choice of workshops available is:

**Kathryn Solly** - Making the Most of Risk, Challenge and Adventure in the Early Years.

This workshop will consider the background and research behind risky play and why it is essential. It will give delegates lots of practical ideas via photographs and video of challenging opportunities and environments to extend young children's learning experiences outdoors and in.

**Elaine Cowley - Babies, Brains and Balance – Physical Development in Babies.**

This workshop will focus on a babies' crucial journey from horizontal to vertical; why it is so important, and the many, many ways that adults can help – or hinder – the normal progression of sensory motor skills in infancy.

**Ellie Collar and Julia Simmons-Collar-Supporting Children's Mental Health.**

Little Meerkat's Big Panic helps very young children to explore, understand and learn strategies for managing anxiety. This seminar will include a 20 minute demonstration performance followed by a workshop on the brain development of anxiety and stress, and a chance to explore range of practical low cost-no cost tools to use with young children to help them learn to understand and manage strong feelings and anxiety in a positive way from the start.

The **Exhibition and market place** will have a great selection of information stands and stalls with some amazing bargains. The **PRIZE DRAW** will give you a chance to win wonderful prizes!

Early Bird booking places are **ONLY £40 each!** (The cost from 1st May is £50 and £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 year's practitioners. If you would like to join us, visit our website to find out more or to book your place

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

## **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 sessions available this half term:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. 9.00-11.30 or 12.00-3.15. Wallace Road Nursery School.**

***Welcome to my world! Look what I did today. (EAL) £60pp***

*Bilingualism is an asset, and the first language has a continuing and significant role in identity, learning and the acquisition of additional languages (DCSF 2007)*

Observe practice in the nursery, interactions between adult and children with English as an additional language. Look at resources we use, gain in depth insight into how they are used. Look at assessment materials we use to track progress of our EAL children.

Observe a group time that supports EAL children.

**Wed.29<sup>th</sup> March. 9.15-11.30am Parklands Nursery School**

***Involving Parents in Mathematical Understanding. (Early Numeracy) £60pp***

*How children learn about numbers and develop mathematical understanding during the pre-school years is vitally important and sets them on a path towards numeracy skills and confidence in later life. (DFE 2013)*

Young children are learning maths all the time through a wide variety of play experiences. This practical workshop offers an opportunity for you to come, explore, discover and have some fun learning about maths in the environment. Explore and understand the Maths that is happening in child initiated play and how to use those opportunities to deepen children's understanding.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – 9:15-12:00. Fairfields School**

**Making your mark: Making it accessible to all. (Early Literacy)£30pp**

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) have the same desire to leave their mark as all other children. This practical session explores ideas and activities to develop opportunities for all children to make their mark and hone their skills with early literacy.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 1:30-3:30. Ronald Tree Nursery School.**

**The Writings On The Wall; Mark Making. (Early Literacy) £60pp**

Explore ways of encouraging children to develop the necessary skills for early writing in a fun way. Participants will return to their settings with practical ideas to use with their children.

For further information or to book your places, please email: [booking@nnspp.co.uk](mailto:booking@nnspp.co.uk) or book via the NNSP website <http://nnspp.co.uk/>

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

**Early Years Degree Open Day**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.00am-13.00pm**

Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base, Rockingham Road, Corby NN17 1AG  
Open Day at Pen Green Research, Training and Development Base. Tutors will be here to answer all your questions on our range of Professional Development opportunities. Come along and discuss your options and let us help you to find the right pathway for you.

Contact:

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

01536 443435

**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 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**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 tea

Contact:

01536 443435

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## 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)

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

[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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