



**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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**Northamptonshire
County Council**

Weekly News, Alerts and Updates for all EY Providers

Ofsted Inspection

We would like to inform you that Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are carrying out a joint inspection of Northamptonshire from 15 May 2017 to 19 May 2017.

This inspection will evaluate Northamptonshire County Council's effectiveness in:

- identifying the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities
- meeting the needs of these children and young people so that their outcomes and chances of participating fully in society improve.

Please find a Key Briefing paper about the SEND Local Area Inspection



Briefing SEND Local
Area Inspection.pdf

Letter below to be circulated to parents and carers by Northamptonshire County Council



LASEND letter
template to Area Par

Letter below for the attention of providers who have not been selected for an inspection visit as part of the LA SEND inspection of Northamptonshire County Council.



LASEND letter
template to Provider

(This information is a repeat of that e-mailed to all EY providers this week.)

20:20 Vision

Have Your Say about the Future of Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Services in Northamptonshire

The Children & Families Act 2014 and the SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years (2014) outlined ground breaking reforms for our services. The new system strengthens the requirement for children and young people with SEND (and their parents or carers) to be fully involved in decisions about their support.

Following the success of recent 20:20 events, feedback from the four events has now been analysed and grouped into themes for further discussion. Please see below the link to the survey for the second theme – Training & Curriculum

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2CBD8T9>

Any additional information from the completion of the surveys will be used to inform the SEND Strategy

and Action Plan and shared to identify key priorities.

This survey will be open until Tuesday 23rd May.

Bookstart

Bookstart Treasure Pack Gifting

This year we are trialling a new initiative which we hope will support the children's transition to school. All settings will be given an extra treasure pack when they are delivered, this extra pack is to be used in the setting until the children leave and then handed to the school the children will attend. It is hoped that with families, settings and schools all reading the same book to the child it will become a familiar story and will aid the transition for the child between yourselves and school. Any feedback you, or the school can give would be appreciated and will help us to develop these services. All feedback can be sent to Bookstart@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Bookstart Contact Details

Bookstart is now using a single point of contact email address, Bookstart@firstforwellbeing.co.uk please can you send all queries to this email address and they will be answered within 5 working days.

Current Training Opportunities

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	£70	NCC Website

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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	

New to the Early Years Foundation Stage for Nursery, Reception Teachers and Teaching Assistants.

This two day course is for teachers and teaching assistants who will be new to working in the Early Years Foundation Stage in September 2017. 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.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD36	New to the Early Years Foundation Stage for Nursery, Reception Teachers and Teaching Assistants	09.30-15.15 09.30-15.15	28 th June 2017 05 July 2017	Nene Whitewater Centre Bedford Road Northampton NN4 7AA	£100	NCC Website

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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:
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.

G is for Grow Training

The next 3 day "G is for Grow" course will be held on 12, 19 and 26 June at the Holiday Inn, Bedford Road, Northampton. This 3 day course covers most areas of running a successful childcare business including business planning, budgeting, pricing, marketing, legal issues, planning for 30 hours and much more.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking is advised in order to secure your place. The course is provided for the highly subsidised cost of £46 plus VAT which covers all 3 days of training as well as refreshments and lunch on each day.

For more details of the course or if you would like to reserve a place please select the link below and fill in the details as requested.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/g-is-for-grow-12th-19th-and-26th-june-2017-tickets-34272781813>

If there are any queries with regard to this training, please let me know as soon as possible.

Richard Ellis

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Committee Training

Following on from the six successful courses that have been delivered since April 2016, Northamptonshire County Council plans to offer a further one day training course designed to cover all that an existing or potential committee member needs to know in order to manage a childcare setting effectively.

The one day course will cover:

- The Roles and Responsibilities of Committees and their members
- Legal requirements
- Employment issues
- Making a success of the Annual General Meeting
- Being successful: getting the main things right
- Safeguarding

This further course has been arranged for Saturday, 24 June at the Holiday Inn Express near junction 15 of the M1 just south of Northampton. The timing for this training will be 9.30am until approximately 1pm.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis so early booking is advised in order to secure your place. The course is provided for the highly subsidised cost of £22 plus VAT which covers the training as well as refreshments on the day.

If you would like to find out more about the course please select the link below. To reserve a place please click on the link and fill in the details as requested.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/roles-and-responsibilities-of-voluntary-management-committees-tickets-34067693388>

Thank you. If there are any queries please do get in touch.

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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

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 or gwoolley@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Northamptonshire Childminding Association (Repeat Article)

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/>

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 May	Sunley Conference Centre, Boughton Green Road Northampton NN2 7AL	£30	http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/

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 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 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@nnspp.co.uk or book via the NNSP website <http://nnspp.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 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

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

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

If you have any issues opening a link in this bulletin, this EY Bulletin is also on the website.