



**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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Important Funding Workshop for Childcare Providers

We are running a series of events which are aimed at all childcare providers (including schools) who access funding from the 2, 3 and 4 Year old free entitlement schemes in Northamptonshire. The Summer funding block events will cover the following:

- **The new system demonstration – the new Headcount portal and back office functions**
- **Processes for the new system and monthly claims**
- **Update on delivery of 30 Hours Scheme for Northamptonshire**

As usual following the main session there will be an opportunity to raise individual queries with members of the Funding, Quality and SEND teams.

There will be 2 sessions for providers in Northampton/Daentry/South Northants on 27/06/17, and 2 sessions for providers in Corby/Kettering/Wellingborough/East Northants on 28/06/17.

To book, please follow the links below:

27/06/2017 Northampton / Daentry / South Northants Session 1:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35378304461>

27/06/2017 Northampton / Daentry / South Northants Session 2:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35378734748>

28/06/2017 Kettering / Corby /Wellingborough / East Northants Session 1:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35379242266>

28/06/2017 Kettering / Corby / Wellingborough / East Northants Session 2:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-childcare-providers-tickets-35379376668>

Holiday Clubs Summer 2017

A reminder to all holiday club provision that have children attend that are not school age.

For younger children that attend your club you must ensure you are meeting your legal responsibilities and meet the full requirements for the EYFS. This includes qualified staff, ratios and delivery of the learning and development requirements. In essence you are providing full day care for these children and must have a suitable environment in order to meet their needs.

If you have any further queries please contact your Area Support Officer through the Early Years Improvement e-mail link at the end of the EY Bulletin.

FAO: All Childminders

Please read this very important reminder about your statutory responsibilities regarding other adults in your house and any assistants:

- 1) Ofsted **must** be notified of changes to the adults (every person over the age of 16) working with children and living in the home, they **must** complete the suitability checks including a Disclosure and Barring Service check.
- 2) Assistants **must not** be left in sole charge of children without a valid paediatric first-aid certificate. Parental permissions to leave children with assistants, even for a very short time, **must** also be gained. Children can be left with assistants for two hours at most in a single day.
- 3) Childminders **must** provide assistants with information and training to ensure they are clear about their responsibilities with regard to safeguarding children. Childminders are accountable for the quality of the work of any assistants, and **must** be satisfied that assistants are competent in the areas of work they undertake.

FAO: Any Capita ONE users

As a result of essential maintenance and upgrade work, Capita ONE (LIVE) will be unavailable on Thursday 22 June 2017.

This includes the following systems:

- Capita ONE (V3 & V4)
- Capita ONE online
- Citizens Portal (School Admissions)
- Schools Access for Exclusions

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the IT Service Desk on 0300 126 6661.

Current Training Opportunities

Safeguarding Training

The NSCB's calendar of face to face training for 2017 /18 is now available for you to book your places. All NSCB training opportunities both face to face and E-learning are available free of charge to all practitioners, staff and volunteers working with children in Northamptonshire.

This year, the NSCB will be using the same system to administer the bookings for both face to face training courses and E-learning, so for those who have taken an E-learning course in the last 3 years this process will be very familiar already.

You will find [details](#) of both face to face and E-learning offers for 2017 / 18 together with helpful tips and guides to access the system and instructions on how to book courses.

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:
Early years and childcare eycc@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Safer Recruitment – Early years

This course is for setting managers or committee chairs who are responsible for recruiting staff. It covers key features of staff recruitment that help deter or prevent the appointment of unsuitable people and policies and practices to make workplaces safer.

Course Code	Title	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Link to Course description
EYWFD31	Safer Recruitment – Early Years	09.30-15.30	03 July 2017	Wellingborough Museum 12 Castle Way Wellingborough NN8 1XB	£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	

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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Name of Delegate	
Training ID Number	

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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Northamptonshire Nursery Schools Partnership (NNSP)

The **Northamptonshire Early Education Partnership** offers professional development opportunities for all **Practitioners and Teachers** working across the EYFS in **Schools** and **Early Years** settings.

Monday 19th June. 9:15-11:15. Gloucester Nursery School The Open Environment: The World Around Us. £30pp

Focusing on 'The World', this is an opportunity to explore outdoor learning including, mud kitchen, risk taking, challenge and pursuing child initiated learning.

Tuesday 20th June. 11:00-2:00. Camrose Early Years Centre for Children and Families.

Let's Celebrate: Eid-al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) EAL and Parental Involvement £30pp

Enjoy a traditional lunch, observe activities and facts to the background to the celebration Eid-al-Fitr, followed by an opportunity to explore and discuss extending children's understanding of the world in the nursery. This is a superb opportunity to enhance your knowledge and skills to initiate or embed cultural diversity, parental involvement and volunteers into your setting.

Wednesday 21st June. 1-3pm Parklands Nursery School.

SEND: Altogether now: Inclusive practice and provision for supporting children with SEND in your setting: Practice in Action. £30pp

This practical session will explore ways of supporting children with special educational needs; differentiation within the learning environment; working with parents and examples of documentation kept such as individual provision plans and inclusion mapping.

Thursday 22nd June. 9.00-12.00. Camrose Early Years Centre for Children and Families.

Inside and Out – The three to four year old environment. £60pp

A fascinating 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. Specific areas of interest can be explored further on request.

Thursday 22nd June. 1.00-4.00. Camrose Early Years Centre for Children and Families.

Let Them Be 2 – The two year old environment £60pp

This is an engaging opportunity to thoroughly **track 2 and 3 year old** children in their enabling environments, exploring their thinking and their route to becoming independent and enthusiastic learners. Specific areas of interest can be explored further on request.

Tuesday 27th June. 6-8pm Parklands NS@ Nicholas Hawksmoor School, Towcester

Leadership in Early Years. (EYFS)£60pp

This practical training session will focus on techniques used to evaluate good teaching and learning in your setting. This will include sensitive adult involvement and enabling environments; peer on peer

reviews; scrutinising documentation (including learning stories and moderation judgments) and developing your ethos/principles and vision for your setting with your staff team.

The session will also explore the use of data to develop your provision and professionals and using data as part of your story of your setting. **An excellent CPD session for NQT's and HTLA's**

Wednesday 28th June. 1:30-3:30. Ronald Tree Nursery School

Let's Go Out Into The Community! £60pp

Taking children out into the community without a fixed agenda, just to observe and be part of the locality can be rather daunting. This practical session will look at ways Ronald Tree have been out and about in their local community. Gather ideas and practical tips to take back to your setting that will enable your children to be a feature of their community.

Tuesday 4th July. 4.00-6.00. Highfield Nursery School

Characteristics of Learning (EYFS) £60pp

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. **An excellent CPD session for NQT's and HTLA's**

Thursday 6th July. 9:15-12:00 1:15-3:00Fairfields School

Look what I did today! (SEND)£60pp

A unique opportunity to explore a whole day in the life of an outstanding Special school provision, from a child and Practitioner's perspective. Spend the day shadowing a practitioner and key children across all areas of the curriculum. Observe their routines, explore in depth; planning, environments, experiences and observations and tracking. Specific areas of interest can be explored further on request.

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

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.

Upcoming Training Dates:

Prevent Duty and Fundamental British Values Face to Face Course

This course has been specifically created to meet the needs of registered childminders, but is also just as useful for other early years practitioners.

It covers what you need to know about the Prevent Duty including how the Channel Programme works so you can understand what your responsibilities are and how to report any concerns. It also covers what Fundamental British Values are, how to incorporate them into your setting and what Ofsted will look for at your inspection.

Elaine Pitteway and Tina Maltman will be delivering this course.

Day	Time	Date	Venue	Cost per place	Booking
Saturday	9.30-1pm	24 th June	Holiday Inn Express Kettering	£30	http://www.childmindinguk.com/product/TPDFBVK

Refreshments. There will be one serving of tea or coffee provided during the refreshment break. You will be able to purchase further drinks or bring your own if you wish.

Premium Members Evenings

NCA is pleased to be able to offer places on our popular Premium Members evenings to non-members. These sessions are available to childminders or other early years staff in maintained or PVI settings for just **£10 per person**. To find out more or to book your place, please visit our shop <http://www.childmindinguk.com/childmindingshop/>

This terms Premium Member Evenings will be Natural Environment Themed and held in Country Parks. The Education team of rangers from Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre will be delivering these sessions for you.

Tuesday June 27th. East Carlton Park, East Carlton, Corby, LE16 8YF. Time 7-9pm

The theme of this session is Stick, Stick, Sticks. Ideas of activities and resources to make that help practitioners to manage a mixed age range of children eg. sensory experiences for the very young, simple resources to make independently and others for adults to make with children's help.

Thursday June 22nd. Brixworth Country Park, Northampton Road Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN6 9DG. Time 7-9 pm

The theme of this session is Marvellous Minibeasts. Activities that can be done as a one off or as a theme. Rangers will bring as many examples as they can and will get you having a go at the activities.

Annual Conference – Delegates choose 2 workshops to attend from the 4 available

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.

Dr Patricia Mucavele (PhD, RNutr, FRSPH, OBE)

'Eat Better, Start Better' - Promoting and supporting healthy eating in early years settings

This workshop will focus on the Voluntary Food and Drink Guidelines for Early Years Settings in England. Highlighting the importance of investing in nutrition in early childhood and equipping the early years workforce with the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet the EYFS welfare requirement to provide healthy, balanced and nutritious meals and snacks. The interactive workshop will include opportunities to use the practical support tools that are freely available, including menu checklist, portion size guidance and reading food labels.

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!

Cost is just **£50 per person** 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 and other early years colleagues. 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/>

Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre

An Introduction to Forest School

Are you interested in finding out about Forest Schools? Are you thinking of setting up your own Forest School?

Come and find out more about Forest Schools at the Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre:

- * How did Forest Schools start: the history and development of them.
- * What is a Forest School?
- * How do Forest Schools work?
- * What's the role of a Forest School Leader?
- * What happens at Forest School?

The course is based in a woodland environment so please be prepared to come dressed for outdoor work whatever the weather. We do have waterproofs and wellies that can be borrowed if you don't have your own.

Date: 20th July 2017

Time: 9.30am – 1pm

Venue: Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre

Cost: £30

For more information or to book your place please contact

Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre. Tel 01327 361384 or email everdon@firstforwellbeing.co.uk

Pen Green Open Evening

Would you like to discover our innovative MA programme?

Drop-in 5th July 2017 15:30-18:00 to meet our team and [find out more](#).

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.