Welcome to the Early Education and Childcare Bulletin.
All information should be accessible through direct links, ensuring easy access and up to date information.

Please circulate this EY Bulletin to all staff and Committee members so that all EY providers are aware of new updates and key information, both locally and nationally.

The Northamptonshire EY Website is available for information on funding, the early years foundation stage (EYFS), resources and training.

To find us on Facebook follow: Early Education and Childcare Advisory service
Changes to the Early Years Education and Childcare Team

As you may be aware the Early Education and Childcare team has been reorganised following consultation with the sector.

Denise Brennan, Carolyn Lewis-Hall, Lee Brooks, Andrea Woodford, Rita Wrightson and Penny Bavester have now left the team after many years of working in the Early Years team and we wish them the very best for the future and thank them greatly for their contributions across the whole early years sector.

Marcella Homans, Zoe Ilott and Faye Bruce have moved to the School Improvement Team and will continue to support academies and school run early years provision.

As a result some of you may experience a change in your advisor contact. Please email us at earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk if you need any support, advice, guidance and/or information on quality improvement or workforce development and the team will be happy to help.

Early years foundation stage reforms – Don’t miss the deadline to have your views heard

The Early years foundation stage (EYFS) sets the standards for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5 years old.

In October 2019, DfE launched a public consultation seeking views on changes to the statutory framework for the EYFS.

DfE consultation document

The consultation will run from 24 October 2019 to 31 January 2020.

Consultation summary

This document provides a summary of the consultation document.

This consultation seeks views on:
- proposed revisions to the educational programmes
- proposed revisions to the early learning goals (ELGs)
- proposed changes to the assessment and moderation process for the early years foundation stage profile
- a proposed change to the safeguarding and welfare requirements to promote good oral health.

Between 2018-19, revised pilot materials have been tested in a number of schools and evaluated by the Education Endowment Foundation, in partnership with NatCen Social Research and Action for Children.
The key findings from the evaluation include:

- Participants viewed the revised ELGs positively overall, describing them as clearer than previous ELGs. They also made practical suggestions about improving the revised ELGs.
- Schools reported their workload had reduced due to the reduced expectations for assessment and evidence-gathering. Staff used this extra time to spend with children.
- The revised ELGs by themselves were not felt to be sufficient: teachers wanted supporting materials, such as exemplification and curriculum guidance.
- There were mixed views about whether children would be better prepared for key stage 1 as a result of the changes.
- Teachers welcomed using their own judgement and felt empowered to do so. However, some felt that external moderation would still be important for ensuring consistency.

Early Education have shared their draft response, which includes information from the research review Getting it Right in the Early Years Foundation Stage. This document is shared as a reference document for those considering their own individual responses and is well worth a read.

Ofsted Early Years EIF roadshow events

Ofsted will soon be running a series of Education Inspection Framework (EIF) roadshows for Early Years (EY) providers. These events will be held regionally across the country, between February and March this year and will offer the opportunity to find out about the key aspects of the EIF.

These half-day events will offer the opportunity to learn about early emerging findings from the EIF.

Two representatives from your provider are welcome to attend each session. Each person attending will need to register separately. Current Ofsted Inspectors (OIs) should not attend this event.

Please note that there is no charge for attending one of these events.

Spaces are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

If you are interested in attending one of these events, please register for your place [here](#) where you will be able to find timings, locations and venue details.

When registering for an event, please select the ‘Early Years’ remit and then select your regional location.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [events@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:events@ofsted.gov.uk) should you have any questions.

Focus on voluntary managed committee led settings

Did you know that NCC Early Education and Childcare Team provide support to settings that are committee led?

The following documents are available on our website to assist committees in managing their settings:

- What is a voluntary management committee?
- Roles and responsibilities
- Committee audit
- Charitable incorporated organisation briefing paper
- [https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/information-for-childcare-providers/training/Pages/business-support-for-childcare-providers.aspx](https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/early-years/information-for-childcare-providers/training/Pages/business-support-for-childcare-providers.aspx)

The audit should be completed by a combination of setting staff and the committee members. If any issues are identified for which you need advice or support please email: [earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

Please note: The local authority no longer needs an annual submission of accounts for funded settings but please be aware of your responsibilities as a charitable organisation.
Current Training Opportunities

Workforce development survey

We would be grateful if providers/managers could take 5 minutes to complete this survey on the training needs of the early years workforce in Northamptonshire and the advisory visits made to settings. We value your opinions and hope to be able to signpost you to the courses you need or to source local delivery. Please follow the link below to complete:

Survey

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Cluster £5 Per person
To book please email info@nimp.org.uk

Disclaimer- Payment must be paid in advance or on the night to attend the clusters
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Find out if you must apply to join the compulsory part of the Childcare Register instead of one of the other types of childcare provider: Qualifying for the compulsory part of the Childcare Register
Use this service if you want to apply to join the compulsory or voluntary parts of the Childcare Register: Apply to join the Childcare Register (CR1)
Find out what you must do in order to register as a childcare provider with Ofsted, as well as how you must run certain parts of the service: Providing childcare services in England
Find out how to pay an Ofsted invoice in relation to your childcare business or children’s social care service: Pay your childcare or social care invoice
You must tell Ofsted about changes to those responsible for a daycare organisation, and for a home where daycare takes place, also who is living or working there: Report changes to registered people in your nursery or other daycare (EY3)
You must apply to register your nursery, or other daycare organisation for children, with Ofsted: Apply to register your nursery or other daycare organisation (EYO)
You must apply to register with Ofsted if you are the registered person, a registered individual or the nominated individual of a daycare: Daycare roles that must register with Ofsted
You must tell Ofsted about the premises you want to include in your application to register a nursery or other daycare organisation: Add a setting to your application to register a daycare (EYS)

National Portage Workshop

We are pleased to be able to offer another National Portage Workshop starting in May 2020. This course will run over 2 full days and a half day, with a follow up half day in June. All sessions must be attended to achieve accreditation.

Delegates can attend the course for their own professional development or as part of the Portage Stamp of Approval. The National Portage Association (NPA) Stamp of Approval Scheme is an award given to early year's settings who have demonstrated that they deliver inclusive early years education based upon Portage Principles. See www.portage.org.uk for further information on the Portage Stamp of Approval

Places will be offered both from within Northamptonshire (subsidised at a cost of £50 per delegate) and nationally.

Places are limited for this course so early booking is recommended. To book, please follow this link: Portage Workshop 1

Nb please make sure you book onto Portage Workshop 1 to get this subsidised price.

Dates for the course:

Monday 4 May 2020 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Monday 11 May 2020 from 9.00am - 4.30 pm
Monday 18 May 2020 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm
Monday 22 June 2020 from 9.00am - 12.30 pm

For further information please call Alison Cooper on 01604 364770.
Northamptonshire Educational Psychology Service Training
Solihull Approach 2-day Foundation
for practitioners who work with very young children up to adolescents

Cost: £190 per participant
15th & 29th January 2020 - Kettering
12th March & 26th March 2020 – Northampton

This course is aimed at professionals across the children’s workforce. Please indicate at the time of booking whether you prefer to have access to a School Age or The First Five Years resource folder on each of the training days. You will be able to purchase a resource folder direct from the Solihull Approach organisation following completion of the course. In order to maximise the development of the approach in your setting, a member of your senior management team should be (or have been) one of the staff attending this training.

The course is certificated by the Solihull Approach organisation in conjunction with the service and enables access to other Solihull Approach courses. Participants are required to attend both days of the 2-day training.

Solihull Approach Parenting Group Facilitation

Cost: £170 per participant - Advertised Price where not included in a Service Level Agreement and cost for cancelation/non attendance
25th March 2020 - Kettering
9.30-4.30

This is a one day training course for practitioners who intend to co-facilitate a Solihull Approach parenting group in a community based setting such as a Children's Centre, Health Clinic, School or Family Centre. The Solihull Approach Parenting Programme is an evidence based parenting programme that is nationally recognised and is awarded the national CANparent Quality Mark for parenting courses. It aims to help parents reflect on their own and their child's feelings and how these can impact on behaviour. By so doing it aims to enhance understanding, improve communication and perspective taking. This empowers parents and leads to more effective management of their child's behaviour. The parenting programme runs over 10 weeks. It is suitable for parents who have universal to complex needs and children from birth to 18 years of age. A requirement of the programme is that it is co-facilitated; with at least one facilitator being Solihull Approach Parenting Group Facilitation trained and both being Solihull Approach Foundation trained.

This whole-day training should enable participants from any key stage to:
Provide delegates with in depth content of the Solihull Approach Parenting Programme to understand what drives successful parenting practise.
Help delegates to think about process issues when facilitating a parenting group.
Help delegates think about the preparation required before running a parenting programme.
Help delegates think about and identify the issues that can arise and how they might be addressed.

All potential Solihull Approach Parent Programme facilitators must have completed the Solihull Approach Foundation training more than 3 months previously and be using the Solihull Approach in their practice.

This course is suitable for all practitioners who are a member of the children’s workforce in Northamptonshire.
NB: In order to run Solihull Approach ‘Understanding your Child's Behaviour groups for parents, trained facilitators will need to purchase a £91 Participant Facilitators’ Manual from the Solihull Approach organisation. Manuals will be available to make use-of on the day.

To book now for one or more places, please visit: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/EPStraining
## Communication Channels

### Facebook Page Link

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### Contacting NCC Teams

The e-mail addresses below will take you directly to the teams identified, so if you have a specific request e.g. EY Setting or Committee support or a Funding enquiry please use the e-mail identified and you will connect straight to that team.

#### Early Years Team and Contact for Funding:

[earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

#### Early Years Improvement Team:

[earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk](mailto:earlyyearsimprovement@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk)

You can e-mail this address if you need urgent advice from a Setting Improvement Contact within this team.