Welcome to the Early Years and Childcare Newsletter – essential reading for anyone working with children; childminders, staff in day nurseries, pre-schools, out of school clubs and schools.

Please circulate to all staff and committee members

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22nd January – Spring 2019 claim deadline

Log in to the Provider Portal to submit your claim and termly funding confirmation form.

Early Years Census

The Department for Education (DfE) requires all local authorities to carry out a census of all Private, Voluntary and Independent Childcare Providers who deliver the free entitlement to 2, 3 and 4 year old children. The census information determines the funding amount the local authority receives from the DfE for the next financial year to pass on to childcare providers. Without this information, funding may be reduced and could impact on the funding providers receive.

The Census form will be available on the Provider Portal from Friday 18th January. The deadline for submission is Monday 28th January 2019.
Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

The latest Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and updated ward profiles are available to view here [www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresufficiency](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcaresufficiency)

Revised self evaluation tools


Provider Network

The next provider network is on 13th February. Please book through [https://www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk/](https://www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk/)

Childminder Training

There are a few places remaining for the following training sessions:-

**Observation, Assessment and Planning (being held over 4 evenings)**
Session aims: Explore how children learn and develop through a variety of experiences and play activities and to recognise that all children are unique and need positive relationships to support their learning and development.

Tuesday evenings 6.30pm until 9pm
26th February
5th, 12th and 19th March
Cost £40

**Positive Behaviour Training (being held over 2 evenings)**
Session aims: Explore and create a positive inclusive environment and to identify strategies and relationships to meet children’s individual needs.

Tuesday evenings 6.30pm until 9pm
26th March
2nd April
Cost £20

**Venue:** Brian Jackson House, National Children’s Centre, Huddersfield

For more details and to book a place please contact Claire Hellawell, email claire.hellawell@kirklees.gov.uk or telephone 07976 497957
Safeguarding Symposium

The Early Outcomes Team is hosting a Safeguarding Symposium on **28th February 2019 at the Textile Centre.**

The event will give you the opportunity to meet Kirklees Safeguarding and Early Support staff and external partners who offer support, advice and services to children and families in Kirklees and explore the pathways for accessing the different services. **Further details to follow.**

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Early Years SENCO meeting – change of date

The date for the next meeting scheduled to take place on 7th February has been changed to **Monday 18th March 2019 09:30 to 11:30am** – the venue remains the same – the Textile Centre. If you wish to attend on this new date, please book on the course through [https://www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk/](https://www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk/)

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

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National Deaf Children’s Society Early Years Survey

Here at the National Deaf Children’s Society we want to transform parent and child experience. We aim for more parents to feel their deaf baby or young child receives the early education support they deserve.

To truly transform experience, we need to consider how to help yourselves, as Early Years practitioners, to support deaf babies and young children during play-based activities, and provide meaningful and appropriate training progression routes.

We are keen to hear from Early Years Teachers/Early Years Professionals and the difference you can make.

Click the link below to start the survey. Thank you for your participation!

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2DRLKJ](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G2DRLKJ)

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If you would like to see previous newsletters, they can be found [here](#)

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- [www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcareproviders](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcareproviders)
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