

Early Years and Childcare Newsletter

Monthly update from the Early Education Funding, Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams

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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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New system for collecting vacancies

Regular monitoring of childcare vacancies is an essential part of the Local Authority's duty to ensure there are sufficient good quality childcare and early learning places in Kirklees. Collecting termly vacancy details together with the number of places available will give us an accurate picture of whether demand for childcare is being met. We will shortly be introducing a new easy to use method for collecting termly vacancy information using the Provider Portal.

Keep a look out for further details.

Apply for a 30 hours code in good time. Do it before the end of February.
childcarechoices.gov.uk

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Remind your parents to apply for 30 hours

Now is a good time to remind your parents to apply for 30 hours free childcare for a place next term. You can download social media assets to share via Facebook or email from www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Early years funding documents – new templates

The documents listed below are now available to download from the Council [website](#). Where relevant, documents have been updated to comply with the new data protection laws that came into force in 2018, please download all relevant documents to use as your templates from now onwards.

- [Claim deadlines and payment calendar 2019/20](#)
 - [Funding calendar 2019/20 \(deadlines\) for schools](#)
 - [The Kirklees Provider Agreement 2019/20](#)
 - [Parent agreement and key facts statement](#)
 - [Privacy Notice](#)
 - [30 hours eligibility check consent form](#)
 - [Disability Access Funding \(DAF\) application form](#)
 - [Funded weeks 2019/20](#)
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Early years funding rates and payment schedule for 2019/20

The Department for Education announced that the Early Years Funding Formula rates paid to Kirklees will remain the same as the rate paid in the current financial year. Because the rate paid to Kirklees will remain the same and because there was strong support from providers to maximise the base rate when previously consulted the proposals are not to make any changes to the Kirklees Early Years Funding Formula or rates in 2019/20.

An online consultation regarding early years funding rates and the payment schedule for 2019/20 was launched on the 7th of December 2018 and closed on the 4th of January 2019.

The outcome is:

- There will be no changes to the early years funding formula or rates in 2019/20.
- Option 2 was the preferred option for the payment schedule (40% to be paid in week 1, 40% to be paid in week 5/6 and the remaining balance of 20% to be paid in week 10/12. This will be implemented from the start of the financial year 2019/20. The first payment of 40% will be made on 29th April 2019.

Confirmation of the above was sent to providers by email on 6th February.

Full details of the survey and the response can be found [here](#).

Spring Early Years Network Presentation

The presentation from the Spring 2019 Early Years Provider network is available to download [here](#)

Safeguarding Symposium

The Early Outcomes Team is hosting a Safeguarding Symposium.

Title: Safeguarding Symposium
Course/network code: EY19012
Date: 28 February 2019
Time: 9.30 – 12.00, 13.00 – 15.30, 18.30 – 21.00
Venue: Textile Centre, Huddersfield

Presentations from:
Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board/Partnership, Kirklees Children's Services including Duty and Advice and Early Support
Market place opportunities to meet and find out about services and agencies including Pennine Domestic Violence Group, PACE, Public Health, Thriving Kirklees and many other services/partners
Launch of Operation Encompass for Early Years Settings in Kirklees

You can attend any of the three sessions.

Booking is required via Kirklees Business Solutions www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk

Kirklees Textile Celebration

Why not join in the 'Big Knit in Public' day on June 8th?

There will be a range of activities and events taking place from June 11th to 16th around Kirklees and following a creative session at the recent provider network, we have a number of suggestions for settings wishing to join in. There will be more details to follow, but why not have a look and start to get inspired!

<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/earlyyearsoutcomes>

Pre-school Learning Alliance – change of name

On Monday 18 February, the Pre-school Learning Alliance changed its name to the **Early Years Alliance**.

For more details and to see the latest training opportunities from the Early Years Alliance www.eyalliance.org.uk

The following settings have recently been inspected and have received an **Outstanding** Ofsted outcome. Many congratulations for achieving an outstanding Ofsted outcome.

Birkby Infant and Nursery School
Emley Out of School Club
Erna Jones - childminder



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Help parents with childcare costs

There are a range of schemes to support parents with childcare costs; the Childcare Choices website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk has a wealth of information for both providers and parents. Information includes:

- 2, 3 & 4 year old funding
- 30 hours
- Tax-free childcare
- Support whilst you study



Patient Reference Group

Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group (GHCCG) would like more people to join their Patient Reference Group

Do you have an interest in health? Would you like to get involved in supporting your General Practice by working in partnership with other patients to develop ideas, improve health awareness and champion patient feedback?

All GP practices have groups of patient volunteers who meet face to face or via phone or email with each other and with GPs and practice staff to discuss the services the practice offers. These groups are known as Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) and they work together with their practice to improve the services available for the benefit of all its patients.

We would like to encourage more patients to join their Patient Reference Groups to reflect our diverse population and meet other patient representatives who are already leading on activities that are helping to contribute to the services and facilities offered at their GP Practices. We are particularly interested/would like to involve more parents/carers of young children in our patient groups so if you are a parent/carer with young children, please get in touch.

Find out more from the CCG about Patient Reference Groups and how the patient voice influences their decisions.

<https://www.greaterhuddersfieldccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/have-your-say/>

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

Keeping in touch

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