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 payment schedule for early education funding

A reminder that the new payment schedule for early education funding starts in the summer term 2019. Providers who submitted an estimate claim on or before 15th April will receive 40% of their estimated basic funding on 29th April, then another 40% of their estimated basic funding on 28th May, the remaining balance of 20% plus deprivation funding, early years pupil premium and disability access funding for identified eligible children will be paid on 8th July. Providers can submit an update to their estimate claim for any significant changes on or before 13th May, the second estimate payment will be adjusted accordingly. If providers missed the estimate deadline of 15th April they can submit an estimate claim on or before the estimate update deadline of 13th May to receive 80% of their estimated basic funding on 28th May.

Early education funding payments to Academies

Universal entitlement funding for three and four year olds will be paid as per the new payment schedule for private, voluntary and independent providers based on the estimated annual budget statement (there is no need to submit an estimate). Funding for eligible two year olds and three and four year olds eligible to the extended entitlement will also be paid as per the payment schedule for private, voluntary and independent providers if academies submit an estimate claim via the Provider Portal, otherwise payments will be made at the end of term along with funding for deprivation, Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding, where applicable.
30 hours ‘Check you're eligible’ webpage

The 30 hours ‘Check you're eligible’ webpage now includes a ‘When best to apply’ table, based on when a child turns 3. This link may be useful to share with your parents prior to their child's 3rd birthday.

30 hour codes Summer term start date

We've had a number of queries in relation to the summer term start date of 1 April for 30 hour codes which has caused some confusion for parents. To clarify, a parents code is valid from 1 April and can be used from the start of the summer term, which in Kirklees is 29th April 2019.

Prevent – new email address

If you need to contact the Prevent Team and would have previously used the prevent@kirklees.qcsx.gov.uk email account then please can you delete this account from your contact list and use Prevent@kirklees.gov.uk or alternatively contact Daniel.Dearnley@kirklees.gov.uk for Channel referrals or Matthew.Dryden@kirklees.gov.uk for general enquiries and training.

Outstanding settings

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

Christ Church Playgroup
Almond House Nursery

WOVEN – a Kirklees Festival, June 8th-16th

We are delighted to announce that WOVEN, a celebration of innovation in textiles across Kirklees, now has its own website woveninkirklees.co.uk that will be live from Thursday 18 April, and social media channels on which you can find out more detail about events happening across Kirklees between the 8th and 16th of June. Do get involved as an early years setting, either on your own or by joining up with others locally. You can find a list of ideas to explore textiles with your children at http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/working-with-children/pdf/childcare-providers/ideas-for-textile-festival.rtf
The activities could form part of your curriculum – you will see how shape, space and measure, and learning about people and communities as well as other areas of
learning could be covered. Have fun, and let us know through your photos and emails how it has gone!

There will be The Big Knit on June 8th in the lead up to the festival we are asking communities to get knitting in order to YARN BOMB Kirklees. Yarn Bombing is an activist gesture where anyone can make the place they live look and feel better by covering it in colourful yarn creations. We have asked groups to start knitting NOW in order to have everything they need to wrap their park, street, garden, community hall in stretches of colourful yarns. Contact anna_lily@hatchprojects.org.uk for more details and so that your activity can be supported and put on the festival map.

If you would like to see previous newsletters, they can be found here

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