

Early Years and Childcare Newsletter

Monthly update from the Early Education Funding, Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams Issue no. 18 – August 2019

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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Outstanding settings

The following childminder has recently been inspected and has received an **Outstanding** Ofsted outcome. Many congratulations for achieving an outstanding Ofsted outcome:

Amanda Wilcox

30 hours application deadline – 31 August 2019

Please remind your parents that 31 August is the application deadline to get 30 hours from September.

Useful videos to share with your parents:

- Short [video](#) showing case studies of 6 families
- A “how-to” animation [video](#) to support families applying for 30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free Childcare



Childcare
Choices

Last chance to apply
for your 30 hours code
for September.

childcarechoices.gov.uk



Temporary increase in the Early Years Funding rate for 2, 3 and 4 year olds

We are pleased to announce an increase in the funding rate from Autumn 2019, the revised rates are:

£5.06 – 2 year olds

£4.20 – 3 & 4 year olds

There will be no changes to the funding rates for the Deprivation Supplement, Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Funding.

Please note this is a temporary increase in the rate, spending will be monitored each term, if there is any risk of insufficient funds the rates will revert back to £5.00 and £4.14.

Childcare Audit and Sufficiency

A huge thank you to all the providers who submitted their audit and sufficiency data by the deadline, it really is appreciated. The data will help inform the annual Childcare Sufficiency Assessment and identify whether there is sufficient early years and childcare provision in Kirklees. However, it is essential that all childcare settings submit their information and to address this issue officers from The Childcare Sufficiency Team will be contacting those providers who have not yet submitted their data.

Early Years Entitlement – information for childminders

A reminder that the current [Statutory Guidance](#) states that childminders cannot claim early years funding for any children who are related to them, refer to page 43.

Extending eligibility for free early education for two year olds

The government has decided to extend eligibility for the free early education entitlement for two year old children to three additional groups of children from September 2019.

The new groups of children to be entitled to a free place are:

- Children of Zambrano Carers;
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private/family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights;
- Children of a subset of failed asylum seekers (supported under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 – ‘the 1999 Act’).

The number of two year olds meeting the new criteria is expected to be small, the Department for Education are currently drafting guidance for local authorities, further information will follow when available.

Early Years Inspection Framework and Provider Networks

Ofsted has published the outcome of the consultation on its new education inspection framework which will take effect from September 2019.

There are key documents, handbooks and frameworks available and research documents that are very useful. You can find the related documents [here](#)

To find out more about the Framework, please come along to one of our provider networks

Dewsbury Town Hall – Sept 23rd (Monday) EVENING
Textile Centre, Huddersfield Sept 25th (Wednesday) EVENING
Textile Centre, Huddersfield – Sept 27th (Friday) MORNING

We will also be launching the new **Early Years Business Solutions** site at the networks.

Please book via [Business Solutions](#)

If you have any problems registering on the new system, please contact Kirklees Business Solutions Team on 01484 414708 or email business.solutions@kirklees.gov.uk

30 hours funding - children in school reception classes

Children attending reception class in a state funded school or academy **are not** eligible to receive 30 hours funding. Parents are **not able** to use their 30 hour code to claim funding.

Children attending an independent school's reception class **are able** to use their 30 hour code up to the end of the term following the child's 5th birthday (compulsory school age).

If a family decide to defer their child's entry into a school reception class and continue to access a place in early years provision, the parent **is able** to use the 30 hours code up to the end of the term following the child's 5th birthday (compulsory school age) or as soon as they start in reception.



Further details to follow

Drop-in Event

The event is for parents and carers of children with additional needs. It's a chance to meet professionals, other parents and hear about what we found out from parents at our earlier events. You will be able to contribute to how services are developed. There will be over 40 stalls for parents and carers to hear about a range of support on offer, including activities for children, benefits and parents support.

Friday 20th September 10am to 3pm, Textile Centre of Excellence, off Leeds Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1YE

Vaccinations

Don't forget to check your child is up to date with vaccinations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>



<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

This three-year communication and language campaign aims to help parents understand that they have a massive impact on their child's learning. Reading, playing and chatting with them are simple things they can do to help them develop, even when they are too young to say much back. Parents can [access tips and activities here](#) and also search for activities in their area using a new postcode finder service.

Please promote the campaign with your families!

Online safety posters

FREE downloadable posters on safely using the internet. There are 3 posters for different ages, starting at age 3.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/a3-posters-to-download>



Together for Twos

[Click here](#) for tips, videos, case studies, downloadable tools and other essential ideas to help you develop your 2-year-old provision.

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

Keeping in touch

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