

# Early Years and Childcare Newsletter

Monthly update from the Early Education Funding, Childcare Sufficiency and Early Years Outcomes Teams Issue no. 20 – October 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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## Extra £66m for early years and childcare funding

On 4 September the Chancellor announced additional funding for early years in 2020-21.

The Department for Education (DfE) have now confirmed they will increase the two-year-old entitlement hourly funding rate for all local authorities and the three-and four-year-old entitlement hourly funding rate for the vast majority of local authorities. The DfE will issue more details in due course.

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## Spring-term applications for 30 hours free childcare

Please encourage parents who want to take up a 30 hours place in the spring term to apply before **30<sup>th</sup> November**. Some parents may need to provide additional evidence to HMRC, so it is essential they apply in good time. In addition, parents who already have a code need to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months to ensure they continue to be eligible.

Useful resources to share with parents are available to download here

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/providers/communications-toolkit/social-media/>

## Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference

Have you booked your place for this year's Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November yet?

Secure a place through [www.kirkleesearlyyearsolutions.co.uk](http://www.kirkleesearlyyearsolutions.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there.

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### Outstanding settings

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

## Helen Broscombe Foundations Nursery

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### Early years foundation stage reforms

The DfE are seeking views on proposed changes to the statutory framework for the early years foundation stage. [Click here for further details](#)

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The NSPCC has recently relaunched Net Aware, the bit-size guide to the latest and most popular social networks, apps and games.

[Guide to the latest and most popular social networks, apps and games](#)

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### Every Mind Matters Website and Film

The [Every Mind Matters](#) mental health campaign went live recently, offering people an accessible way to get a personal action plan to tackle these problems and advice on how to help others.

On Monday, a special film written by Richard Curtis, directed by Rankin and narrated by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and The Duke and Duchess of Sussex aired across ITV, Channel 4 and Sky channels. This is ground-breaking work led by PHE in partnership with the NHS and leading mental health charities and you can watch the film below and access the tool [here](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMoLwGixWdM>

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