This newsletter contains important updates and key information, both locally and nationally. Please circulate to all staff and committee members.

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### 30 hours application deadline (31st December)

The deadline is fast approaching (31st December). Please remind parents that if they wish to claim 30 hours extended entitlement in the Spring Term 2020, to apply (or renew) their code. All codes should be applied for, or renewed, **BEFORE** 31st December 2019 at the latest [here](https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare).

### Increase to Early Years Funding – have your say

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently announced an extra £66m for early years from 2020/21. The additional funding from the DfE could increase the Kirklees Early Years budget by approximately £500,000. During previous provider engagement sessions feedback from providers was to maximise the base rates therefore it is proposed that the extra funding is used to increase the base rates and not make any changes to the deprivation and inclusion fund elements of the formula, details of the proposals can be found [here](#).

Have you say, the online survey closes at **5pm on Wednesday 8th January 2020**.
Early Years Domestic Abuse Notification Protocol

Calls to Early Years Settings will start Monday 9th December 2019

Dear Colleagues

As discussed at Early Years PVI networks we are launching a Protocol for Domestic Abuse Notifications to Early Years Settings. This draws on the principles of Operation Encompass which is established in a number of areas nationally for schools.

From Monday 9th December Early Years settings will receive a telephone call if a child has been present during a domestic abuse incident to which the police have been alerted. This call can only take place for funded children as we do not hold any data on which settings none funded children attend.

The purpose of the call is to alert you to the fact that the child may need some extra support during the day, for example they may be tired, tearful etc. The call will give only minimum details to allow you to support the child during the day and does not replace your own safeguarding reporting procedures.

The Protocol document will be sent to all funded settings by email. The document contains more detailed information about the process and templates for record keeping.

It is important that you share with parents that the protocol will be operational from Monday 9th December 2019 and there is a template letter for parents should you wish to use this.

Family Support Telephone Support over Christmas Holidays

Please call: 01484 456823

There will be staff from the Family Support Team available to provide support, information, advice and guidance from 9am-4pm (excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day)

Sufficiency Data Collection

A huge THANK YOU to all providers for embracing the changes with the introduction of the termly Sufficiency Data collection system via the Provider Portal – we do understand that the implementation of a new system can be somewhat challenging! There are just a few providers who haven’t yet submitted their data, please do so as it will enable us to have a complete picture of the current childcare market places and vacancies.

Look out for the email remainder from childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk
Children in Care Courses - Nursery Managers Spring and Summer Term 2020

25 March 2020 Hudawi Centre (EP-0320-T002)
8 July 2020 Hudawi Centre (EP-0720-T001)
Book via Kirklees Business Solutions

Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference

Over 70 delegates from the early years and childcare sector attended the Early Years Mental Health and Wellbeing Conference which took place on Saturday 23rd November. Thank you to all those who attended and for making our conference such a success and here are just some of the positive feedback comments received.

😊 “Fabulous – opened my eyes to the wonder of wellbeing and the huge impact this has on everyone’s mental health – all those who we meet in everyday life”.
😊 “Fantastic content”.
😊 “Not just thinking about the staff but realising that I am important too”.
😊 “Enjoyed the whole day and made me think about the good work I do as a practitioner”.
😊 “I have learnt that I am important and that the job I do is also important”.
😊 “I really enjoyed this conference, it was very interesting. Gave a lot of food for thought, good ideas to support children parents, staff and myself”.

Brexit and Employment Status

Do you employ EU citizens? Do you know if they are considering applying for settled or pre-settled status to continue working in the UK? For more information, please refer to the EU Settlement Scheme [gov.uk settled status pages](https://www.gov.uk/settledstatus) and [Employer toolkit](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/employer-toolkit-information-and-sharable-resources) [information and sharable resources]

Department for Education Consultation

The Department for Education has launched a consultation on the proposed changes to the EYFS and the deadline is 31st January 2020. Don’t forget to HAVE YOUR SAY! The consultation can be found here [EYFS Consultation](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eys-consumer-consultation-on-proposed-changes-to-the-eys-2020)
Music within the Early Years – potential funding opportunities

Potential funding opportunities for all those interested in music within the early years. The priority for this fund is children aged 0-5 who face barriers to accessing music-making as a result of their circumstances or where they live.
https://network.youthmusic.org.uk/funding-priorities

Congratulations!

Well done to the following settings for achieving a Good or Outstanding in their recent Ofsted inspections.

- Foundations Nursery - Outstanding
- Christine Ratcliffe – Good
- Danielle Johnson – Good
- Flockton C of E (VC) First School – Good
- Helen Wilson – Good
- Hepworth Playgroup and Pre-school and Out of School Club - Good
- High Bank J, I & N School – Good
- Jane Armitage – Good
- Linda Car – Good
- Little Latham Farmers Nursery and Forest School – Good
- Lynda Crowther - Good
- Mandy Stack – Good
- Paula Wainwright – Good
- Scholes Village Primary School – Good
- Shazia Akhtar – Good
- St James Playgroup - Good

Download Outstanding/Good provider logo here https://logos.ofsted.gov.uk/using-and-downloading
We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you for your continued support.

Keeping in touch

- feecteam@kirklees.gov.uk – for funding queries
- childcare.sufficiency@kirklees.gov.uk – for sufficiency and sustainability queries
- enquiries.learningservices@kirklees.gov.uk – Early Years Outcomes Team
- www.kirklees.gov.uk/childcareproviders
- Kirklees Early Years and Childcare Providers