



Early Years and Childcare Newsletter

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

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Free Early Education Funding Claim deadline – Friday 22nd May 2020

The claim deadline for summer term is Friday 22nd May. To submit your claim, log onto the [Provider Portal](#) select *Funding* → *Actuals* → *2020/21 Summer*.

Please also submit the 'Termly Funding Confirmation Forms' which can be found in the 'Forms' section of the portal. Calculate your termly confirmation figures from your Parent Agreements/Registers rather than taking figures from the portal – this will help ensure you do not miss any children off your online claim.

On our [Provider Website](#) you can find videos and a step by step portal guide to help you submit your claim.

Kirklees Early Years Funding Formula Rates – Summer 2020

The 2020/21 rates were confirmed and notified to providers on 20th February as follows:

- £5.09 for two-year olds
- £4.21 for three-and four-year olds

Last summer Schools Forum gave approval to use the early years budget underspend to increase both the 2 year old rate and 3&4 year old rate by £0.06 per hour for three terms starting in Autumn 2019 until Summer 2020 provided there were sufficient funds. We can now confirm that the temporary increase can be paid this term, therefore the rates for Summer 2020 are as follows:

- £5.15 for two-year olds
- £4.27 for three-and four-year olds

Reminder about actual claims for key worker/vulnerable children who have moved providers

If your provision is able to accommodate key worker children and vulnerable children in the summer term due to the closure of the child's usual provider, please indicate this in the **Notes** section of the provider portal on your *summer term actual headcount*.

- For a key worker child include the following: Key worker, Occupation e.g. Nurse.
- For a vulnerable child include the following: Vulnerable child, Reason e.g. LAC, EHCP.

30 hours – application deadline extended for key workers and vulnerable children

If key worker parents and vulnerable child parents have missed the application deadline of 31 March 2020, late applications will be accepted so that children can still access their 30 hours childcare place in the summer term. To claim, please indicate in the **Notes** section of the provider portal on your *summer term actual headcount*. How many extended hours the child is claiming and details of their key worker/vulnerable child status:

- For a key worker child include the following: Key worker, Occupation e.g. Nurse.
- For a vulnerable child include the following: Vulnerable child, Reason e.g. LAC, EHCP.

Department for Education (DfE) data collection on key workers children and vulnerable children

Thank you to all the settings who have been submitting these very important returns every Wednesday and Friday using our online form. If you are open and have not been submitting data, please do so now using our [online form](#) (if you need help completing the form please get in touch 01484 456837).

[Coronavirus: Help for business and self-employed](#)

[Top-up to local business grant funds scheme](#)

A discretionary fund set up to accommodate certain small businesses previously outside the scope of the business funds scheme. Kirklees Council is awaiting further details about how the top up grants will be administered and the application process – we will let you know as soon as further details are available.

Temporary extension of eligibility criteria for the 2-year-old entitlement

The Secretary of State for Education has decided to temporarily extend eligibility for the free early education entitlement to 2-year-olds from families in receipt of Section 17 support (Children Act 1989) who have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), for the duration of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak only. This is to support their safety and wellbeing whilst restrictions are in place.

Eligible children are British-born child(ren) who are entitled to be in the country yet are not receiving support by virtue of their parents' immigration status, which triggers the NRPF. This is a temporary measure during coronavirus (COVID-19) and is intended to support vulnerable children not usually eligible for a free place through the free early education entitlement. If you have any children who meet this criteria please contact the FEEC Team for advice on how to claim funding.

Transition documents

Copies of the Transition Guidance and documents can be downloaded from the Early Years Business Solutions website <http://www.kirkleesearlyyearsolutions.co.uk/Page/14538>

Government updates

[Actions for education and childcare settings to prepare for wider opening from 1 June 2020](#)

[Guidance on coronavirus testing for key workers](#)

[Eligibility for government childcare offers protected](#) Temporary measures ensure critical workers will still be eligible for childcare offers if their income has changed due to coronavirus

Self-employment income support scheme

The self-employment income support scheme will pay out 80% of profits, up to £2,500 a month to those who are eligible. Contact from HMRC to start by letter, text and email this week and applications open Wednesday 13 May. HMRC has an [online eligibility tool](#) for the scheme - if you think you are eligible, you will need your self-assessment unique taxpayer reference (UTR) number and your national insurance (NI) number to hand.

Boots pharmacies offering safe spaces for victims of domestic abuse

[Boots chemists](#) are offering safe spaces within their pharmacies for victims of domestic abuse. Anyone needing help can ask staff at the counter to use their consultation room where they will be able to contact local services for help and advice.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes

We are excited to announce today's launch of fun project to encourage singing within families with young children whilst also celebrating the rich diversity of Kirklees!
Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes is a project funded by Kirklees Council's Libraries and Early Years Outcomes in partnership with the Creative Development Team. Filming took place at Batley Library, The Greenwood Centre and The Chestnut Centre.
All the films are available on: <https://www.musicinkirklees.co.uk/year-of-musi.../all-join-in/>

Free training from Early Years Alliance

FREE training bundle - Wellbeing during the Coronavirus outbreak is now available for ALL PROVIDERS and their teams until the 30 June 2020. The bundle contains FIVE CPD-recognised courses that give practical advice on ways to understand and manage anxiety, low mood and depression over the coming months. It also includes guidance on online safety.
[Click here for more information on how to access these free courses](#)



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

- Dale House Independent school received 'Good with outstanding features' in their recent ISI Inspection (October 2019).
- Emley Pre-school
- Haley Sewell
- Happy Jays
- Joanne Boswell
- Lynn Calderwood
- Lynn Cartwright
- Park Pre-school
- Sonia Noble - Outstanding



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