Welcome to the Early Years and Childcare Newsletter.

Please circulate to all staff and committee members

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Free business training for group providers (including schools)

We have been awarded a grant from the Department for Education (DfE) to commission 8 full day business planning workshops for group settings to support sustainable early years businesses. The workshops will include an element of how to make 30 hours work for your business as well as general business and financial planning.

The grant conditions include ensuring we have sufficient and sustainable early years provision to deliver 30 hours places hence the workshops are primarily aimed at providers currently offering 30 hours and those who are considering offering 30 hours in the near future.

Places are offered on a first come first served basis and are limited to one place per organisation. Ideally the person responsible for business planning and finance should attend.

The workshop will be a practical hands-on session for delegates to start to take action to learn and develop awareness of what is needed for your organisation to move forward and be a sustainable early years business now and in the future.
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30 hour update - Grace periods clarification from the Department for Education (DfE)

The Early Years Entitlements Operational Guidance states: ‘If a parent falls into their grace period before their child has started a 30 hours place, they should not take up their 30 hours place’.

A parent is able to take up a 30 hours place in their grace period if they fall out of eligibility in the period following the 31st termly deadline and before the term start date. Termly deadlines are: 31st August, 31st December or 31st March. For example:

- The parent applies on 7th Jan and receives a 30 hours code with a validity end date of 7th April.
- The parent books a place with their chosen provider to start in the summer term. The summer term begins on 14th April.
- When the parent reconfirms on 7th April, they are ineligible and are therefore in their grace period when term starts on the 14th of April.

In this scenario, as the parent was eligible on the 31st March (the cut-off point for the summer term), the parent is eligible to access their 30 hours place.
Early Years Outcomes Team – new web page

There is a new web page called Early Years Outcomes Documents on the Kirklees website available to all providers. Useful documents will be placed there over time for easy access and we will alert you when new documents are available for downloading via email and the new Facebook page. 

www.kirklees.gov.uk/earlyyearsoutcomes

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Facebook

The new Facebook page should be up and running next month (June), we will let you know by email as soon as it is available.

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Self-evaluation audit

A copy of the Self-evaluation audit is available on the Early Years Outcomes web page. This document will be used to support future provider visits under the Challenge and Support strategy. This is in use for group daycare settings and we will be working with childminders and out of school providers over coming months to introduce a similar approach.

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Transition documents

Reviewed forms and guidance can be found using the Documents button on the Kirklees Business Solutions site: 

https://www.businesssolutions-kirklees.co.uk/early-learning-and-childcare-pvi

There are also copies on the Early Years Outcomes web page as above. You are asked to ensure schools receive transition information by July 6th.

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Childcare Business Grant Scheme

The DfE has confirmed that the Childcare Business Grant scheme will continue after March 2018 subject to updated terms and conditions. Further details will be provided shortly via Ecorys website

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Outstanding Settings

The following setting has recently been inspected and has received an Outstanding Ofsted outcome. Many congratulations for achieving an excellent Ofsted report.

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