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Read me now – Urgent and important information

New Date - Ofsted Education Inspection Framework Briefing

If you haven't had the opportunity to join one of Ofsted's sessions on the new Education Inspection Framework, which comes into effect on 10th November, a new date is now available for Registered Early Years Settings (Nurseries and Pre-School)

- **Thursday 2nd October 2025**, 6pm-7pm [Book here](#)



Ofsted Briefing – Especially for Nottingham City Providers!

In addition to the above national webinar, the Early Years Team have been fortunate in securing our own dedicated sessions with Ofsted, specifically for Nottingham City Providers, directly to address any local concerns or questions please do make the most of this opportunity!

- **Tuesday 14th October 2025**
- **1.30pm – 3.00pm or 6.00pm-7.30pm**
- **Online**

Please make the most of this opportunity, sessions are free and places can be booked [here](#)!

School Based Nurseries Capital Grant

Following the recent opening of the [School Based Nurseries Capital Grant 2025-26](#), Childcare Works have launched information on [Top Tips for School-based Nurseries](#), as well as a range of [School-Based Nurseries Case Studies](#). In addition, Childcare Works has developed a brand-new collection of infographics designed to support schools interested in establishing, expanding and sustaining early years provision on their site. Top tips include financial sustainability, staffing, recruitment and CPD, adapting the school environment and leadership and governance.

These useful resources for schools are [available to download now via the HUB and LAB on Childcare Works](#)

Read what's coming up next - Important but not urgent information

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Best Practice

Starting in spring 2026, new resources—including written guidance, videos, and peer-to-peer sessions—will be provided to support reception teachers with EYFSP assessments. Local authorities will facilitate these sessions to promote confidence and consistency.

Schools are invited, by the Department for Education, to share best practice examples from headteachers and teachers, focusing on assessment processes, collaboration, and data use for transitions. More information, along with a template for submissions, can be found [here](#). Contributions should be submitted by Monday 13th October.

Reception teachers are also encouraged to share their views to help shape peer-to-peer sessions. If you would be willing to share your views in a short conversation, please contact elaine.cernuto@education.gov.uk.

Early Years Training Updates

Introduction to Safeguarding – Monday 6th October 2025

We have places remaining on the above course, which is an online session on the morning of Monday 6th October. This course will give new and trainee practitioners a thorough awareness of safeguarding children as well as the local context, policies and procedures of Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership (NCSCP). Find out more and secure your place by [clicking here](#)!

Open Your Eyes to the EYFS – Calling PVI Settings!

There are spaces available for PVI Settings on the Open Your Eyes to the EYFS course. In this four-part course, practitioners will be provided with a whistle-stop tour through the key components of the Early Years Foundation Stage, providing them with a deeper understanding of all aspects of the early years statutory framework. This course has been perfectly designed for those who are new to the role and those who have changed year groups, alongside those who wish to refresh their knowledge. Find out more and book your place [here](#).

Childminder Information Workshop

Join us at the Childminder Information Workshop. This workshop will consist of two separate two-hour sessions designed to support individuals to develop their knowledge of the EYFS statutory framework, as well as exploring and discussing how to effectively manage and market a childminder business. These sessions will take place on Wednesday 15th October & Wednesday 5th November, to find out more and book your place [click here!](#)

Reminder to return your SENCO & Leadership Network Membership Forms!

Time is running out to get your discounted membership to our SENCO and Leadership Networks! For the first time, we are offering a new discounted membership offer for joint memberships or multiple settings, when you apply before 31st October 2025!

If you would like to join us at the Networks this academic year, please complete and return a [membership form](#). As well as returning your form, you must also [book a place](#) on the individual Networks in order to be sent a link for the session.

Return the Membership Form to eytraining@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by the 31st October to claim your discount!

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Read when you get a moment – Information you might find interesting

Registering and inspecting school-based early years provision

Calling all Schools! On the Childcare Works HUB there is new information about [Registering and inspecting school-based early years provision](#), including a new blog from Ofsted with guidance for maintained schools, academies, multi-academy trusts, non-maintained special schools and independent schools that provide early years and childcare. This is [available now via the Childcare Works HUB](#)

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