



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Register for a live online event with Stephen Morgan, Minister for Early Education

The DfE are running a live online event for those working in the Early Education and Childcare Sector on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 6:00pm. Stephen Morgan, Minister for Early Education, will reflect on his work so far in government and priorities. He also wants to hear from you and will answer questions from the live chat. To attend, please [Register for the event](#).

Ofsted's role in regulating childcare

Ofsted have updated the phone number parents can call if they have a concern or complaint. This is now 0300 123 4666 and you can download the new poster for parents [here](#).

Updated Application Forms and Guidance Notes for Childcare Expansion Funding

Following the first round of applications for Childcare Expansion Funding to support new/additional early years entitlement and wraparound childcare provision, we have made some adjustments to our application forms for future application rounds and have also introduced some Grant Application Training to support those making an application. This will all be launched on our website by Monday 25th November 2024.

For more information on capital funding for the Early Years Entitlements, please go to [this page](#).

For more information on capital and revenue funding for Wraparound Childcare Provision, please go to [this page](#).

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

Free Children's Oral Health Training

The Oral Health Improvement Team for Community Dental Services in Nottingham are working in partnership with Nottingham City Council to provide free Oral Health training to professionals and volunteers working with children or supporting families in the city. All training is free of charge and is CPD verifiable. Further information and access to the training session can be found here - [City Dec 24- Notts Children's 0-11 years old training..pdf](#)

If you would like to know more about how to sign up, please contact oralhealth.nottinghamshire@cds-cic.co.uk

School Admissions

If you have children who were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they need to apply for a primary school place by 15th January 2025, as they will be reaching statutory school age. The Primary Round for Nottingham City is now open. If you would like to display an information poster for parents within your setting, please [click here](#).

Upcoming CPD Opportunities

- F2 Agreement Trialling
 - Tuesday 26th November 2024, face to face sessions, morning and afternoon (limited spaces left) sessions. [Click here to book.](#)
 - Wednesday 27th November 2024, Online MS Teams morning (limited spaces left) and afternoon session. [Click here to book.](#)
- Blended Paediatric First Aid Training
 - Tuesday 3rd December 2024 Spaces available. [Click here to book.](#)
- School Portal Training
 - Workshop for Nottingham City Schools on 2, 3 and 4 year old claiming process on Wednesday 4th December 2024. [Click here to book.](#)
- Room Leaders Network
 - Thursday 5th December 2024. [Click here to book.](#)
- Funding Workshop for Providers delivering funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds
 - Wednesday 11th December 2024, new and refresher sessions available. [Click here to book.](#)

For further course information and a list of all our current CPD opportunities, please visit our website - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/earlyyears/section-pages/cpd-training/cpd-opportunities-20242025/>

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

Cold weather

Now we have entered the winter season, please see the official UKHSA [guidance](#) about looking after children (including early years settings) before and during cold weather.

The Nottingham City Council Health Protection Team are distributing UKHSA weather health alerts and up-to-date guidance, including guidance for early years settings. If you would like to sign up to this mailing list to receive these directly, please email health.protection@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Early Intervention Speech and Language Therapy Service

Home Talk is a targeted speech and language intervention for children aged 2 – 2 ½ years with spoken language difficulties. Please [click here](#) for more information and use the referral form which can be found here: [slt-referral-form-2024.docx \(live.com\)](#)

Home Talk is excited to announce that they can continue to accept Home Talk referrals across the city for our speech and language offer for 2 – 2 ½ year olds and Tiny Steps to Talking referrals for children from SSBC wards only.

Great Opportunity for Free Speech, Language and Communication Training!

To celebrate the extension of their services, you are invited to send a member of staff from your setting to some free, online Speech, Language and Communication Training on Thursday 28th November 2024, from 9:30am – 12:30pm. Please do take advantage of this great offer if you are able and secure your place on this training by emailing Amy.Burton@nottshc.nhs.uk

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