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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Main January HLN Panel

The submission deadline for the main January HLN Panel is this Friday, 20th November 2026. All applications need to have been referred to the SEND Pathway prior to submission and all enquiries sent to Education.hln@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

SENIF Autumn 2 Panel

The deadline for the SENIF Autumn 2 round of applications is Friday 4th December 2026. For any queries, please email eyfssend@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Term	Application Deadline	Panel	Payments
Autumn 2	**4th December 2026 12 noon**	**10th December 2026**	**4th January 2027**

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

Fully Funded Maths Champions Training for Early Years Settings

Delivered by the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA), Maths Champions is a professional development programme for eligible early years settings in England. It helps practitioners recognise and build on the maths already happening through everyday play and routines. Independent evaluation by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) found children in participating settings made the equivalent of three additional months' progress in maths and language development. For children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, this could be up to six additional months' progress. Early years settings can click here to register interest in fully funded Maths Champions training. For any questions, please contact maths.champions@NDNA.org.uk

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

Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty training is now taking place **in person** on Monday 23 November 2026, 10:00am–11:30am at Nottingham High School. This free session, for Nottingham City PVI practitioners, will help you understand your responsibilities under the Prevent Duty and explore fundamental British values, including mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Moving the session to face-to-face delivery also provides a great opportunity to learn alongside other local practitioners, share experiences, discuss real-life situations and ask questions in a supportive environment. Book Here

Applying for a Primary School Place
Admissions are now open for a 2027 place with a closing date of 15th January 2027. Please share this information with your parents. For any questions, please contact 0115 8415568 or visit the School Admissions website by clicking here.

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Early Years Stronger Practice Hub
The EYSPH produces a weekly round-up emailed newsletter which covers a range of topics on their network, training offers and support available. If you would like to receive this newsletter directly, please click here.

Safeguarding Information

New Resources for Practitioners from the Child Safeguarding Review Panel
As children's lives become increasingly digital and subject to online influences, safeguarding practice must keep pace. Learning from serious incidents reviewed by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel shows that online activity can intensify existing vulnerabilities and may not always be recognised or understood early enough. The panel has published a new collection of learning and practical resources to help practitioners recognise and respond to online harm earlier and make children's online lives part of routine safeguarding enquiry and assessment.
The collection includes three briefing papers, an animation, a practitioner reference guide, statistics, role-specific learning, conversation prompts and an adaptable slide pack for supervision, team discussion and multi-agency learning. Settings can access the Panel's Learning Hub to explore the collection.

Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Childminders
This course is specifically designed for childminders to support them in understanding and fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities as the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Please click here for further information, including course content and booking details.

Upcoming dates are below and you can Book Here to secure your place!

- 27th November 2026, 10:00am - 11:45am (via Microsoft Teams)
- 28th January 2027, 6:15pm - 8:00pm (via Microsoft Teams)

You Said, We Did: Safer Recruitment Training
You told us that additional Safer Recruitment Training dates would be welcomed. We have listened and, following the successful arrangement of a suitable venue, we are pleased to confirm a new training date at the earliest opportunity.

Next Safer Recruitment Training Session: Tuesday 9th March 2027, please Book Here

Free Togetherness 2-Day Foundation Training
This practical, evidence-based course is for anyone working with children, young people and families. Based on the Solihull Approach**.** Course places are limited so please check out this poster for course dates, times and booking links and see further information on our CPD Pages under 'Training Opportunities from Other Partners'.

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