



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Places left on Making Interactions Count for 3 – 5 Year Olds!

We have places remaining on the above course, which is a face-to-face session on the morning of 20th May 2025. Join our EYFS Teaching and Learning Specialist and EYFS Support Worker as they look at what makes effective interactions with 3–5-year-olds and develop delegates confidence to assess the quality of interactions taking place in the practitioner's environment, indoors and outdoors. Find out more on the flier attached to this email and secure your place by [clicking here!](#)

SEND Funding Key Dates for Summer 2 Panel

Moderation week will take place between Monday 12th May 2025 - Friday 16th May 2025 at 12 noon. Please contact EYFSSEND@nottinghamcity.gov.uk to book in moderation discussions as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Final application submission is Friday 23rd May 2025 at 12 noon. Applications received after this time will be treated as a late application and may not be viewed by the Panel, who are due to meet on Thursday 12th June 2025. Results will be issued 2-3 weeks following this.

Amendment Form

Please remember to complete an [Amendment Form](#) for any children in receipt of SEND funding that have left your setting. This ensures that where applicable funding will follow the child and support transition.

New Booking Process for Blended Paediatric First Aid bookings

With immediate effect, the administration for the Blended Paediatric First Aid courses will now be managed by the Development and Change Team. The course and range of dates remains available and details of how this course can be accessed can be found on [our website](#), but the aim is for delegates to have a smoother customer journey by dealing directly with colleagues in Development and Change.

Childcare Works Toolkit Webinars

Join Childcare Works on their **free, 1-hour webinars**, where you can find out more about the new toolkits! The **Wraparound Toolkit** has been developed especially for providers of wraparound provision of primary school aged children and the available webinars are **14th May, 12pm – 1pm** or **10th June, 7pm – 8pm**. The **Early Years Toolkit** is an introduction to make sure you are ready for the final rollout of the expanded early years entitlements and the webinar is on **11th June, 12pm – 1pm**. To find out more and book on, visit [Childcare Works!](#)

Contribute to Research on SEND

The Local Government Association have commissioned Isos Partnership to conduct a national survey of those leading and working in PVI settings, school-based early years providers and childminders to understand the impact of changing needs of children in early years education and childcare. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and the deadline for completing the survey is noon on **Wednesday 14th May 2025**. Find the survey link [here!](#)

Funded Providers – Summer Confirmation Report

A reminder to those providers who have made a summer funding claim to check their confirmation reports and respond by **9th May 2025**. If we do not hear from you, we will assume the claim is correct and you will be paid based on this (unless a double claim is found) – please also note that your data could also have an impact on food vouchers if these are issued for May Half Term 2025. Please contact eyfunding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk with any queries.

Free Fun and Food – Holiday Activity Fund

Funded by the Department for Education, Free Fun and Food is the City's name for the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF). Funding can be applied for by organisations and groups that make 'Free Fun and Food' available to children of all ages (including those with SEND), who receive or are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals, during the school holidays. **Applications close on 26th May 2025**, found out more [here!](#)

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

Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Wraparound Provider Conference

If you are a provider of wraparound childcare, before school, after school and/or during the school holidays we hope you will join us for a **free Wraparound Provider Conference on Saturday 15th November 2025 at East Midlands Conference Centre**. Find out more and book your place [here!](#)

Free Playwork Training

In partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, we are continuing to offer free training for play workers during the Summer Term, check out all the opportunities available [here!](#)

Nutrition EYFS Update

From September 2025, the Department for Education are introducing new nutrition guidance in the EYFS statutory framework, which will replace the 'Examples menus for early years settings in England' guidance. The new guidance has been developed with nutrition and sector experts. It will help early years providers understand how to meet the existing EYFS requirement: *'Where children are provided with meals, snacks and drinks, these must be healthy, balanced and nutritious'*. From September 2025, providers will be required to have regard to the new nutrition guidance, meaning they must take it into account and should follow it unless there is good reason not to. Further information can be found [here](#) on our website.

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

New Early Years CPD Training Plan 2025-26

The Early Years Team are working hard to finalise the CPD offer for Nottingham City's Early Years Workforce for the September 2025 – July 2026 academic year. We aim to have this finalised and uploaded to the website during May 2025, so if courses appear to have no current dates listed, please do keep checking back!

Are you signed up to receive the Ofsted Blog?

The Ofsted Blog is about education and care in children's early years. It is very informative and provides updates about Ofsted's early years education, care and regulatory work and developments in the early years sector. You can find out more about the blog [here](#) and in this recent issue, as an example, there is an article on [how Ofsted look at the use of EYPP in their inspections of early years settings](#).

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)

In Nottingham, the UKSPF programme focuses on six key themes:

- Supporting the development of Nottingham's communities (including employment support)
- Improving Nottingham's city centre and neighbourhoods
- Supporting Nottingham's visitor economy
- Supporting inward investment in Nottingham
- Supporting Nottingham's businesses to grow
- Developing Nottingham's skills (including digital and green skills)

£1.6 million has already been allocated for projects that will support employment, and local businesses, ensuring the UKSPF funding continues to make a meaningful and lasting impact across Nottingham's communities. Community and business support grants are available, and you can [find out more here!](#)

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