



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Summer Term Head Count Task

The Summer Term Headcount Task will close on 29th April 2025. Please remember that although your portal return will have been submitted by this date, your estimate payments for the Summer Term will remain the same amount as these are based on Spring Term figures and are signed off in advance of the current term. Any queries, please email eyfunding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Childcare Expansion Funding – Next Deadline!

Please note that the next deadline for funding applications to be received is 9th May 2025. Find out more at

- [Expansion of the Early Years Entitlements](#)
- [Wraparound Childcare Programme](#)

Please direct any queries in relation to this funding to earlyyearsexpansion@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Workforce Development CPD Opportunities

The Early Years Team are finalising the Workforce Development CPD Training Plan for the early years workforce in Nottingham City for the next academic year and we will be able to share this with you in due course. In the meantime, we have over 30 courses, briefing sessions and networks running over the Summer Term, so please do have a look at what's available and take the opportunity to book on!

[Click here for more information!](#)

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

To Be Two!

Due to the expansion in the early years' entitlements, there are more 2-year-olds accessing provision and with this in mind, it has never been more important to ensure that the environment and curriculum for this unique age and stage is planned, understood and delivered appropriately and effectively. Our new two-part training programme aims to support and extend the knowledge and understanding of practitioners who are working with 2-year-olds.

Dates: Session 1 - Friday 2nd May 2025 and Session 2 – Friday 16th May 2025

Venue: Castle Cavendish

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: £50 (covers both sessions)

Booking: [Early Years Course Booking - Course Details - Nottingham City Council](#)

Save the Date – School-Based Practitioners

- [EYFSP Drop-In Sessions](#) will be held on **Tuesday 24th June 2025**, Various slots throughout the day, Face to Face and Online Appointments available, Free of Charge.
These sessions are to support practitioners making judgements for individual children who are proving hard to assess or who may have unusual profiles. Appointments must be booked in advance and joining information to book a drop-in slot will be sent to schools in May 2025.

- [EYFSP Initial Data Briefing](#) will be held on **Tuesday 15th July 2025**, 3.30pm, Online, Free of Charge. This 75-minute briefing is specifically for Reception and Year One Class Teachers, Senior Leaders and Subject/Phase Leads and will announce and explore the initial EYFSP data, supporting colleagues to interpret and understand the cohort data and aid planning and preparation for a smooth and successful transition. The link to join the Briefing will be shared with Head Teachers and Early Years Leads in July 2025.

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

Easter Openings Hours for the Early Years Team

The Early Years Office will be closed on Friday 18th April 2025 and Monday 21st April 2025 for the bank holidays.

Upcoming Early Years Team Communications

The next Early Years Communication will be our Summer Term Newsletter which will be issued on 23rd April 2025 and the fortnightly Stay Connected with Early Years Bulletins will resume on 7th May 2025.

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