



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Nottingham City Early Years Schools Forum Sub-Group

On Monday 16th June, Day Nurseries, Pre-Schools, Childminders and Schools were sent information about the establishment of an Early Years Schools Forum Sub-Group. If you are interested in being part of this group, please return your completed Expression of Interest Form to katherine.crossley@nottinghamcity.gov.uk by 11am on Wednesday 25th June 2025.

New joint and multiple setting membership options for 2025-26 SENCO & Leadership Networks!

In response to calls from the sector, for 2025-26, we are trialling some new membership options for the SENCO and Leadership Networks. This includes a discounted rate if you join both Networks and a discounted rate if you are purchasing a membership for more than 1 setting from the same organisation. These discounts only apply to registration forms received before 31st October 2025. You can download the Annual Registration Form from the SENCO or Leadership Network pages of the [website](#)

Distribution of EYPP from September 2025

On Monday 16th June, an email was sent from our Early Years Funding Team with information about how the EYPP will be distributed from the Autumn Term balance onwards, this sees amendments to some Provider Agreement clauses in relation to EYPP, as communicated in our initial Provider Agreement cover letter. This information can also be found on the [Funding pages](#) of our website.

Additional Autumn Estimate

Also sent from our Early Years Funding Team on Monday 16th June, was information about how you can receive an additional estimate payment for the potential cohort of existing and new children, aged 9 months – 2 years, who will be eligible for additional funded hours from September 2025 but these additional hours will not be included in your Autumn Term Estimate Payments with them not having received 30 hours funding during Summer Term 2025. Therefore, if you would like to receive an additional estimate payment for these children, in addition to your normal Autumn Term Estimate payment, please complete the form that was sent with the email and return it to eyfunding@nottinghamcity.gov.uk no later than **Friday 5th September 2025**. The estimate payment for these children will be a one-off payment, paid no later than the start of October 2025, based on 75% of what the funded hours would be for the Autumn Term. This information can also be found on the [Funding pages](#) of our website.

Room Leader Networks

Room Leader Networks will no longer be offered as part of the Leadership Network from the Early Years Team. These will now be offered through the Stronger Practice Hub, with separate networks for babies, toddlers and pre-school Room Leaders. The **first Network for Pre-School Room Leaders is on Wednesday 9th July 2025** at Trent Conference Centre. All networks can be signed up for by following the link on our [Partner Training and Resources Section](#).



Outdoor Learning Childminder Networks



The Stronger Practice Hub is offering an Outdoor Learning Network for Childminders and whilst the Hub supports a wider region, we are lucky that the location for these Networks is here in Nottingham, at Wollaton Park. The **first network is Wednesday 16th July 2025** and can be signed up for by following the link on our [Partner Training and Resources Section](#).

The Ofsted Big Conversation (OBC) is back in the East Midlands!

Calling all East Midlands early years and childcare providers! Join Ofsted on **24th June 2025 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** to hear: ♦ The latest updates from our regional team. ♦ Responses to your questions.

Don't miss this chance to engage, learn, and shape the conversation.

If you have a question for Ofsted, please **send it in advance** to ey.fundamentals@gmail.com to ensure it's included.

[Book your tickets here!](#)

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

New! Subscribe to the Childcare Choices Newsletter!

This month, Childcare Choices have launched their new newsletter for early years providers. Subscribers will receive the latest announcements, information and news from the department on how they are reforming early years education and supporting childcare expansion. Sign up by clicking on the "Sign up to receive our provider e-mail updates" tile at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/provider-guidance-and-resources



Natural Thinkers - National Children's Bureau

On Thursday 4th July 2025, the National Children's Bureau is hosting Natural Thinkers, a face-to-face training session designed to empower early years practitioners to connect children with nature through accessible, low-or no-cost ideas. A key driver behind the programme was the decline in access to green space, especially in urban areas. The training blends theory with hands-on learning and supports a whole-setting approach across EYFS and beyond. You can find more details about the programme's impact on staff and children via the [website](#).

You can book onto the training here: [Natural Thinkers 1-Day Training Tickets, Fri 4 Jul 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

Online HUB of free resources for childcare providers

If you're looking for practical guidance and expert advice to develop or expand your early years and wraparound childcare provision, then the Childcare Works online HUB is for you. On the HUB, you'll find a bank of good practice guidance, practical resources, business development advice, case studies, templates and training - all in one open access, free to use online HUB. Available to all providers, whether you are a childminder, nursery, play scheme, club or school, the Childcare Works online HUB is designed for you. The resources are created by experts and backed by the Department for Education. Explore the HUB today: Childcareworks.org.uk and find out more about the funding opportunities available for [expanding the early years entitlements](#) or [developing wraparound childcare](#) locally as there are **only 2 rounds of funding remaining** under these programmes.

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

Ofsted Updates

Under the [Further Information and Resources about Ofsted](#) section on the website, we have added the latest updates from Ofsted, including the Ofsted Inspector training videos which you might find of interest. You can also sign up for the Ofsted Blog directly by following the above link for more information.

Early Years Sports Fund

The Early Years Sports Fund was initially created to ensure all children across the UK can take part in an amazing sports lesson at their setting, fully funded, with no expense to the setting. Available to nurseries, early years settings and schools, there is still funding available under this fund. More information can be found in this article - <https://www.daynurseries.co.uk/news/article.cfm/id/1649502/early-years-settings-can-benefit-from-free-sports-class-as-1-million-pound-sports-fund-is-launched> and settings can access funded sports classes for their setting using this link - <https://www.earlyyearssportsfund.co.uk/>

Heat-Health Alerts from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)

As unpredictable as the British Summertime can be, we can get some very hot weather and this can affect our health and also those who are particularly vulnerable, including children under 5 years of age. Read more about the UKHSA's heat-health alerts and how you can receive more information by checking out the article on our News Page - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/earlyyears/news/hot-weather-alert/>

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