



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Revised ward priorities for Capital Funding to develop places for children under 3

When launching our Childcare Expansion Funding Programme to support capital projects to develop places for children under the age of 3, our priority wards were Aspley, Bestwood, Clifton West, Dales and Meadows. Almost a year on, following the awarding of capital projects to numerous providers and the recent refresh of the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment, the **priority wards we are keen to develop additional places for under 3's in for the remaining 2 rounds of funding are Bestwood, Dales, Meadows and St Ann's.** Please see the latest updated information [here!](#)

Webinar for schools - DfE National Wraparound Childcare Programme

On **Thursday 3 July 2025, 10am – 11am**, the DfE is hosting a webinar for schools to learn more the National Wraparound Childcare Programme. Primary schools will have the chance to hear from schools on their experiences of delivering wraparound care and ask our expert panellists any questions. Sign up here -

[Webinar for Schools - DfE National Wraparound Childcare Programme Tickets, Thu 3 Jul 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

SEND Funding Amendments Forms

As we draw near to the end of the Summer Term, please remember that if your setting is in receipt of SEND funding and the child is leaving your setting, you will need to complete an [Amendment Form](#) to ensure that, where applicable, the funding will follow the child.

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

Launch of our new CPD All Sector Training Plan 2025/26

Keep an eye on your emails tomorrow for the launch of our new CPD Training Plan! You will receive an email from EY Training with a downloadable copy of our brochure, specific to your sector, for you to share with your staff teams as you plan your CPD for the coming academic year, but if you can't wait to get started, course information is already uploaded to our website and you can check this out and book on now! See our [CPD Page!](#)

Early Years Financial Incentives

Recruitment and retention of staff in the early years and childcare sector is a nationally recognised challenge. To support with this challenge, the Department for Education (DfE) an 'Early Years Financial Incentive', which will offer a £1,000 payment to new or returning early years practitioners, with the aim of addressing staff shortages and to help ensure there are sufficient qualified practitioners to meet the increased demand for childcare places in the sector. Eligible staff are expected to be new employees or returning after a period of non-employment and be working in a group based early years setting that delivers the Early Years Foundation Stage. The incentives are not open to childminders or those working in Reception Classes. **The DfE will be contacting all eligible providers via email to tell them about the incentives the week commencing 14th July 2025** and the incentives will be open to those starting with an eligible provider on or after 15th July 2025. Find out more about the Early Years Financial Incentives [here!](#)

EYFSP Data Briefing for Schools

School Leaders, Reception and Year One Class Teachers are invited to join the session collectively, along with any other Subject or Phase Leaders, to compare school and local data, which will share key data messages from the latest EYFSP data. The Briefing will be held on **Tuesday 15th July 2025, 3.30pm – 4.45pm** and you can **join via MS Teams** using the link and meeting details below:

[Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 362 428 026 491 2

Passcode: tE2w6cb2

Speech, Language and Communication – Drop-In Sessions for Parents and Carers

If you work with parents and carers of children under 4 years old and they would like to talk to someone about their child's talking and communication, please signpost them to the sessions that are running across the City during August – November/December 2025. You can find full details on our [News Page](#).

July Funding Workshops (Schools & PVIs)

We have places remaining on our July Funding Workshops. Whether you are new to delivering funded places, or just need a refresher of your knowledge, the Early Years Funding Team are offering these free online workshops to help.

Workshop for Nottingham City Schools on funded places claiming process: Thursday 10th July, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

- This workshop is designed to support school colleagues with their early years headcount task and 'working parent' eligibility checking on the Early Years Portal. Find out more [here](#)!

Funding Workshop for Providers new to delivering funded places (PVI): Wednesday 16th July, 10:00am - 11:30am

- This session will assist delegates by exploring all areas of the funding process, including raising awareness of the funding available, how funding is paid, checking working parent eligibility codes and completing the termly headcount in the Early Years Portal. Find out more [here](#)!

Funding Workshop Refresher for Providers delivering funded places (PVI): Wednesday 16th July, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

- Designed to help providers to refresh their knowledge around the funding process, this short interactive workshop will provide delegates with a reminder of the main actions required when accessing the Early Years Portal. Find out more [here](#)!

Engagement with Parents on 30 hours of government-funded childcare for September 2025

Applications are currently open for 30 hours of government-funded childcare for September 2025. All eligible working parents of children who will be at least nine months old on or before 31 August can apply through the government's childcare expansion. Parents can check their eligibility and apply at [Childcare Choices](#). We would encourage all settings in receipt of the early years entitlements to be talking with parents currently receiving the 15-hour working parent entitlement about their funded hours from September 2025.

Protective Preparedness for Education Settings Webinar

The DfE, in partnership with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), invite you to the 'Protective Preparedness For Education Settings' - a webinar focussed on counter terrorism protective security and preparedness for education settings. This will provide you with an overview and update on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 commonly known as, 'Martyn's Law', and its implications for the education sector. You can find more information about Martyn's Law by visiting - [GOV.UK](#) NaCTSO will also provide a briefing on how to consider counter terrorism protection and preparedness across education settings. You can find out more about scalable counter terrorism preparedness by visiting [ProtectUK | Home](#)

If you would like to learn more about how you can protect your education setting, staff and learners from terrorism, please click the links below where you can sign up and access further details.

[Monday 7th July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

[Tuesday 15th July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

[Wednesday 16th July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

[Wednesday 23rd July 2025 - 12:00 - 13:00](#)

Unnecessary temporary exclusion of recently vaccinated children

DfE and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have become aware that some early education settings are temporarily excluding children who have recently been vaccinated, even if they feel well enough to attend. A message from the UKHSA Director of Public Health Programmes – Dr Mary Ramsay – explaining why such policies are unnecessary and can have serious unintended consequences for children and the early years settings they attend can be found [here](#).

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

Catch up on Childcare Works Provider and Schools Support Webinars

Did you miss the recent support webinars from Childcare Works? The recordings of these webinars are now available on the Childcare Works website and can be viewed by following the links:

- Webinar for Early Years and Schools www.childcareworks.org.uk/webinar-for-ey-settings-and-schools/
- Webinar for Wraparound providers www.childcareworks.org.uk/childcare-works-webinar-for-wraparound-childcare-providers/

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