

## Early Years Education and Skills Hub Newsletter- December

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### The National Wraparound Expansion Programme

The Wraparound Childcare Programme is going from strength to strength with the delivery of our first new breakfast and after school clubs being delivered across Doncaster. Schools, childminders and PVI are all able to take advantage of wraparound funding, to be able to better meet the needs of families and offer a flexible approach to childcare.

To date, funding has been allocated to create an additional 684 new or expanded breakfast and afterschool club places, some projects bringing new flexible provision into areas across Doncaster where breakfast and afterschool clubs may not have been available or have not met the needs of working families.

There are many benefits of having a wraparound provision – these include:

- Access to potential new markets which you may not have previously reached.
- It provides an additional revenue stream which may increase your overall profitability.
- It increases business sustainability as your financial 'risk' is spread over different types of services.
- It allows a crossover of customer bases where siblings of wraparound children may increase demand for your Early Years places.

- It can strengthen your customer pipeline, helping you keep your customers for longer, as Early Years places often turn into future wraparound places.
- It allows you to provide a more comprehensive and flexible service to families. Your service becomes a one-stop-shop for families, with no need for them to look elsewhere for their childcare needs.

### **Funding for wraparound provision is available now!**

If you would like to expand existing wraparound provision or create new wraparound places, now is the time to act, whilst funding is in place to help. All applications will need to be received before 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to guarantee the full two years of funding available.

Applications for wraparound funding to expand existing provision through extending opening hours or creating new places, or to create completely new wraparound provision, are being accepted now.

If you wish to apply for funding or want to ask more questions about this programme please email Kirsty Hanberry, Wraparound & Sufficiency Manager on [Kirsty.hanberry@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:Kirsty.hanberry@doncaster.gov.uk)

The application form can be accessed at [Wraparound Programme Funding Application Form](#)

## **Merry Christmas from the Early Years Inclusion Team**

The Early Years Inclusion Team would like to wish all our Early Years educators, group providers, childminders and schools a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We are so unbelievably proud of all the hard work and dedication you have showed over the 2024 year. The difference you are all making to the children of Doncaster is not going unnoticed!

The Early Years Inclusion Team will be taking a well-deserved break from the 25<sup>th</sup> December until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.

## **Wellbeing for Early Years Parents- Inourplace**

Did you know you can access free learning about infant and childhood development, wellbeing, brain changes, and much more to help you to connect with your children and make sure they thrive?

Here's a quick introduction to what you can find on [Inourplace](#) for babies.

To read more, click here: [Wellbeing for early years parents – new online resources](#)

## Pendulum Update

As you may be aware the Early Years Inclusion Team are going to be using Pendulum and Nexus for their notes of visit when working with early years settings. This will begin in January 2025.

If you were unable to attend the recent training session around using Nexus and Pendulum, please email Anita at [anita.szraiber@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:anita.szraiber@doncaster.gov.uk) who will be able to send you across a recording of the session.

## Early Years Financial Incentive

Are you aware of the Early Years financial incentive that is available for eligible employees in your settings?.

The incentive was launched by the DFE in January this year to respond to the need to recruit more qualified staff into the sector. This will be done through offering a £1,000 financial incentive to eligible new or returning recruits. Do you have a employee that meets the criteria below,-

The pilot will run between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

Eligible new recruits will need to satisfy the criteria below:

- Newly recruited to a full or part time early years post with an eligible provider
- Returning to the profession after a minimum of 6 months gap
- Commence employment between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024
- Must spend at least 70% of their time working directly with children
- Work a full 12 weeks before the incentive is paid
- An apprentice who completes their apprenticeship between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 10<sup>th</sup> December and is given a permanent contract

There has been a positive response to the scheme, with lovely feedback such as “It has encouraged a member of staff to return to Early Years”.

“It has been a moral boost and helped with self-worth!”

“So nice to receive a bonus!”

### **Don't miss out on this opportunity!**

If you would like to apply for the scheme or have any questions, please contact [donna.wilson@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:donna.wilson@doncaster.gov.uk) or please call 01302 734569 for a informal chat.

## Child Protection Conference Training

10th December 2024 18:30 - 21:00 at Rossington Family Hub, Grantham St, New Rossington, Doncaster DN11 0TA

This course is suitable for Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads within Nursery settings and Childminders. The course is also for new starters or a refreshers course for Nursery Designated Safeguarding and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and Childminders who attend initial and review child protection conferences.

The course is interactive to support those who attend and present are confident in attending and participating in child protection conferences.

By the end of this course, delegates will:

- Understand the processes in place for Initial and Review Child Protection Conferences
- Know how to prepare for Child Protection Conferences
- Be confident about sharing information in Conference
- Understand what is expected of you and why
- Gain an understanding of what information should be recorded in a Multi Agency Report for Child Protection Conference.

Click here to book: [Early Years: Child Protection Conference Training | Buy Doncaster](#)

## Early Years Upcoming Training- January

- Neglect within Early Help for Early Years Providers- [Neglect within Early Help for Early Years Providers | Buy Doncaster](#)

- Early Years: Wee and Poo Training - supporting children to have healthy bladders and bowel- [Early Years: Wee and Poo Training - supporting children to have healthy bladders and bowel | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: Refresher in The EYFS for Nursery Practitioners- [Early Years: Refresher in The EYFS for Nursery Practitioners | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: Childminding Pre-Registration Course- [Early Years: Childminding Pre-Registration Course | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: Talking Together - Speech Language and Communication Training Enhanced Level- [Early Years: Talking Together - Speech Language and Communication Training Enhanced Level | Buy Doncaster](#)

## Modelling Language through Music and Singing

Did you know music and singing can be powerful tools to model language for young children? Check out this fantastic resource from the Stronger Practice Hubs:

Modelling Language Through Music and Singing.

Incorporating music into your teaching can support children's language development, boost confidence, and make learning fun!

Read more here: [Modelling language through music and singing.docx](#)

## Rethinking Praise: Moving Beyond 'Good Girl' and 'Good Boy' in Early Years Settings

Are you still using phrases like "good girl" or "good boy" in your setting? It's time to reconsider! Discover how descriptive praise—focusing on a child's specific actions and efforts—can foster self-reflection and emotional intelligence. Written by Early Years Specialist & Consultant, Laura Moore-Williams, this resource explores how moving beyond labels helps children develop intrinsic motivation and a deeper understanding of their own behaviours.

Read more here: [Rethinking Praise: Moving Beyond 'Good Girl' and 'Good Boy' in Early Years Settings - Foundation Years](#) or view the poster here: [Rethinking Praise](#)

## Improving Early Education through High-Quality Interactions

Improving the quality of early education matters: it's positive for every child, and especially important for socio-economically disadvantaged children.

In fact, research evidence tells us that high-quality early education is one of the best ways to ensure that children can thrive and succeed in school and beyond, regardless of their background.

Read more here: [Improving early education through high-quality interactions | EEF](#)

## Supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing

Practical recommendations to help support young children's mental health, drawn from the latest research.

Read more here: [Supporting children's mental health and wellbeing in the early years | Education Endowment Foundation](#)

## 2-Year-Old Funding Poster

Click here to view the poster- [2 Year funding poster.pdf](#)

## Your Place Your Family Update



**There are 6 Your Place Hubs across Doncaster – call, email or drop in, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday:**

**North Hub** | Woodlands Library, Windmill Balk Lane, DN6 7SB  
| [01302 736787](tel:01302736787) | [LocalSolutionNorth@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionNorth@doncaster.gov.uk)

Walk in the front entrance turn right and the 'Your Place' team are sat in the room next to the entrance.

**East Hub** | The Vermuyden Centre, Field Side, Thorne, DN8 1DA (**ONLY WEDNESDAY**) | [01302 736336](tel:01302736336) | [LocalSolutionEast@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionEast@doncaster.gov.uk)

Thorne is every Wednesday – Walk in through the main entrance and the 'Your place' team are the first desk next to the library section.

**East Hub** | Armthorpe Library, Church Street, Armthorpe, DN3 3AL

(Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

[01302 736336](tel:01302736336) | [LocalSolutionEast@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionEast@doncaster.gov.uk)

Walk in the entrance and you can either ask the librarian or you can walk pass the children's section and there's a door to the right of this with a sign 'Your Place'.

**South Hub** | Tom Hill Youth club - Wadworth St, Denaby, Doncaster, DN12 4AQ  
[01302 736644](tel:01302736644) | [LocalSolutionSouth@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionSouth@doncaster.gov.uk)

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday)

Enter through the carpark and go around to the back of the building, there is a door with a bell on it, press the bell and someone from the 'Your Place' team will greet them.

**South Hub** | Martin Wells Centre, Thompson Avenue, Edlington, Doncaster, DN12 1JD [01302 736644](tel:01302736644) | [LocalSolutionSouth@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionSouth@doncaster.gov.uk)

(Monday & Thursday)

Walk in through the front main entrance and the 'Your place' team are sat on the desk to the right of the receptionist.

**Central Hub** | Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU  
| [01302 736409](tel:01302736409) | [LocalSolutionCentral@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:LocalSolutionCentral@doncaster.gov.uk)

Walk into the main area of the Civic building and go across to the reception desk – Tell the receptionist that you would like to speak with a member of the 'Your Place' team and they will take you through to their space.

The BBC Tiny Happy People

The [BBC Tiny Happy People](#) website provides a wealth of **FREE resources** including fun [activity ideas](#), [tips and advice](#), [child development facts](#), [key talking tips for any age](#) and much more. All designed to empower families with knowledge and techniques to support their 0–4-year-olds development in the home learning environment.

**To find out more join one of the free monthly webinars here:** [Champions Training sessions](#).

This virtual 45min session will explain BBC Tiny Happy People's approach, show you easily shareable content on the website and highlight key language techniques and resources to share with families you work with.

**If you have any questions, please email [tinyhappyypeople@bbc.co.uk](mailto:tinyhappyypeople@bbc.co.uk).**