

Early Years Newsletter- November 2024

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Early Years Education Entitlements- Ensuring Sufficiency in Doncaster

Please click the link to read the presentation around ensuring sufficiency in Doncaster alongside the Early Years Entitlements.

Click here: [Early Years education Entitlements- Ensuring Sufficiency in Doncaster.pdf](#)

The National Wraparound Expansion Programme

The Wraparound Childcare Programme is proving successful across Doncaster with applications for funding being received from all types of provision including schools, nurseries and childminders. Positive relationships are being reflected with partnership working across the city, with some providers working together to deliver high quality breakfast and afterschool clubs for working families.

To date, funding has been allocated to 17 individual new expansion programmes across 13 school pyramids, which will result in the creation of an additional 590 new wraparound places. Engagement with providers has been extremely positive and the programme aims to allocate all remaining funding by the end of March 25, ensuring the overall target of 2087 new wraparound places is reached. This expansion programme is bringing wraparound provision into areas across Doncaster where

breakfast and afterschool clubs have either not previously been available or have not fully met the needs of families, and will continue to provide much needed support for working families.

Approximately £2m of funding has been allocated to the LA from DfE to promote wraparound expansion. All types of providers can apply for this funding – schools, PVI and childminders, or providers can work together in partnership.

Possible wraparound delivery models could include:

- School-based provision, delivered by school: Delivered by school staff on a school site and open to all children attending that school.
- School-based provision, delivered by private provider or childminder: Schools contract and work in partnership with a private provider or childminder who would pay them to operate wraparound provision on school premises. Operated and delivered by staff employed by the private provider (this provision must be Ofsted registered).
- Childminders: Provision delivered by childminders, signposted to parents by Local Authority and schools. Could be a group of Childminders working together on a single/community site.
- Cluster / hub model (on or off a school site).

Funding is being allocated to help either the expansion of existing wraparound provision or the creation of new provision, with the vision that this will become self-sustainable by 2026. Wraparound funding cannot be spent on equipment or supplies which are expected to last for more than 1 year, where the cost is more than £500, but it can be used to cover costs including staffing, training, and transport costs such as minibus hire (not purchase) or resources such as food. It can be used to contribute to running costs whilst demand for wraparound builds, pay for training, including specialist training to ensure staff can fully support children with additional needs. It can even be used to provide free or subsidised places for children of the wraparound staff employed to deliver the service.

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 or the application process, please email Kirsty Hanberry, Wraparound & Sufficiency Manager on Kirsty.hanberry@doncaster.gov.uk The application form can be accessed at [Wraparound Programme Funding Application Form](#)

Early Years Inclusion Team Updates:

We are very excited to share the new online Early Years Inclusion Team (EYIT) request form, within the system you can request an acknowledge of and reference number

Available on the Local offer.

Person Centred SEN Support Plan

In collaboration with Parents and Early Years Providers we have updated our early years person-centred SEN plan. As a service we are continuing to drive forward a strength-based approach for the child/children and the parents/families at the forefront.

Within the person-centred SEN plan 'All about me' section, there is the function of adding photographs, for example, family pets, people or resources that is important/special to the child. This brings the child's plan to life, and provides opportunities for sharing comments, and photographs with the child.

The expectation for providers would be when commencing the initial APDR cycle, the new person-centred SEN plan would be implemented. Existing SEN support plans are not required to be transferred over to the new format.

As a service we welcome and value your feedback on the person-centred SEN plan, this informs our future delivery of service and ways of working. Please complete the google questionnaire available on the local offer.

Comments from providers regarding the person centred plan:

- This is great and more relevant and personal to the individual child and gives lots of information that is relevant.
- included means all the information is together and you can get all the information you need from just looking at one plan, rather than the plan then meeting minutes etc
- I wanted to share how I think it will make it easier for parents to understand and is very user friendly,

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/Documents/DocumentView/Stream/Media/Default/ChildrenYoungPeopleFamilies/Documents/SEND%20Toolkit/Updated%20SEN%20support%20plan%203.10.24.docx>

Click here to fill out the questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/qF7jdMhUEN>

Early intervention Allowance (EIA) funding:

Needs Descriptors

There are four levels of need identified within the Early Years Needs Descriptors which align with The Graduated Approach:

- Universal
- Universal Plus
- Targeted
- Specialist

The purpose of the Needs descriptors is to ensure a consistent approach to the identification of the level of a child's needs. Once the child's needs are accurately identified appropriate strategies and intervention are put in place to ensure barriers to learning are removed at the earliest opportunity.

The early years needs descriptors must be used to inform the practitioners professional judgement in identify the child's levels of need. It is expected that strategies within the Needs descriptors are used. Within the EIA request you will need to identify the level of the child's need, for example, targeted or specialist, in conjunction with the child's SEN support plan this will inform the award of EIA amount of funding.

If you are submitting a request for EIA, you would complete the new online request form. As part of the criteria for EIA, it is a requirement within the child's SEN plan there is a review of the child's APDR meeting. If an APDR has not taken place, evidence of a conversation with your Area SENCO, must be evidenced.

The documents and or any supporting information must be emailed to the earlyyearsrequest@doncaster.gov.uk **at the same time as the EIA request.**

EIA funding is available or all Early Years providers for example childminders, private voluntary, independent settings and maintained school, until the end of the child's FS1 year.

[Early Years Inclusion Team - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Staffing updates:

Emma Cammack has been successful in securing the post of central Area SENCO

Early Years Foundation Stage Framework: Updates Effective as of 1st November 2024

The Department for Education have updated the EYFS for School and Group Providers and Childminders. They are both effective as of 1st November 2024.

You can find the new versions here: [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-foundation-stage-eyfs-statutory-framework)

Pendulum for Group Providers

Dear Provider,

We're pleased to announce that we will soon be using the Perspective Lite platform provided by Angel Solutions to write, seek approval of, and host our Focus Visit Reports/Rolling Action Logs.

Benefits of using the platform:

- Provides a single information sharing point with EY group providers that can be easily accessed.
- Only finalised documents will be stored which means there is no concern about version control and the provider and EYIT staff can be confident they are accessing the most up to date record for any audits or inspections.
- If a member of the team is absent / unavailable for any reason, the platform holds the latest versions of visit reports (including drafts) which means that other team members have essential, up to date information from which to provide advice or support.
- There is consistency in our interaction and reporting to providers – which includes schools.

What happens next:

- Please provide your one preferred email address that will be the contact for the Notes of visit/action log. (We advise not to provide a shared email address that all staff can access due to confidential and sensitive information or providing a specific individual email address due to potential staff changes, unless this is an owners email).

Click and follow the link to fill out the form: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

- Nexus Angel Solutions (who provide the platforms) will create a Perspective Lite account for your setting and this will trigger a welcome e-mail. Please check your spam / junk emails too!
- When you receive this welcome e-mail please activate your account.

- There will be a brief training session where you will be shown how to access your reports and approve them. (Date to be confirmed.)
- For every report produced, you will receive an e-mail with a link to log into your account and provide any amends or approve the report. (This will be shown in the training session)
- You will be able to log into Perspective Lite as often as required to access your finalised reports. You can also download these to save.

Please make every attempt to access the training session, so you can ask questions if clarity is needed, but if this isn't possible, we will make a recording available via our Facebook page.

If you have any questions at all about the process or reasoning behind it, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

[Privacy Notice - Child Care Providers in Doncaster - City of Doncaster Council](#)

Early Years Financial Incentive

Good News!

The Early Years Financial Incentive has been extended! If any staff started between February and April 2024 they can now apply!

If you have a new staff member who starts with you up until 31st December 2024, they may also be eligible for the tax free £1000 incentive!

If you have any questions or want to apply for someone who may be eligible, please contact earlyyearssupport@doncaster.gov.uk

Safeguarding Week 2024

Safeguarding Week is taking place week commencing 18th November.

Click here to view the events that are taking place to support Safeguarding week 2024- [Safeguarding Week 2024 \(1\) \(002\).pdf](#)

Early Years November and December Training

November

- Early Years: Childminder Makaton Workshop- [Early Years: Childminder Makaton Workshop | Buy Doncaster](#)

- Early Years: Basic Awareness in Safeguarding and Child Protection- [Early Years: Basic Awareness in Safeguarding and Child Protection | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: EYFS - Reception/ FS2 Teachers Network- [Early Years: EYFS - Reception/ FS2 Teachers Network | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Neglect within Early Help for Early Years Providers- [Neglect within Early Help for Early Years Providers | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: LADO training for Early Years Providers- [Early Years: LADO training for Early Years Providers | 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](#)
- Early Years: Word Aware- [Early Years: Word Aware | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: WRAP Awareness Training - Prevent and British Values for Early Years Providers- [Early Years: WRAP Awareness Training - Prevent and British Values for Early Years Providers | Buy Doncaster](#)
- Early Years: Self Regulation, Co-Regulation and Trauma Informed Approaches for Childminders- [Early Years: Self Regulation, Co-Regulation and Trauma Informed Approaches for Childminders | Buy Doncaster](#)

December

- Early Years: Managers Network Meeting for Early Years Providers- [Early Years: Managers Network Meeting 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: Child Protection Conference Training- [Early Years: Child Protection Conference Training | Buy Doncaster](#)

Best start in life part 3: the 4 specific areas of learning

Ofsted released their part 3 of the Best Start for Life on the 8th October.

To view the report, click here: [Best start in life part 3: the 4 specific areas of learning - GOV.UK](#)

[The Nursery World Exchange Southampton takes place on Thursday 14th November 2024 at the The Best Western Chilworth Manor Hotel.](#)

Make sure you join us for a day of scheduled, one-to-one meetings where nursery managers, directors and owners can address all their settings' requirements with leading early years suppliers and service providers.

The days are set to ensure that owners, directors and managers who are traditionally fighting against time running a business can save on time, money and resource by meeting sector leading suppliers under one roof in the space of a day in a relaxing environment. The day allows nursery groups to have dedicated meeting with organisations offering training, services on increasing retention in the sector, resources, services around sustainability and helping groups go 'green', nutrition and financial advice such as tax exemption for their nurseries, amongst other suppliers

The Exchange Events are set in 4-star hotels where you will also be able to attend key notes and panel debates around prevalent subjects such as funding and PVI's being incorporated within primary schools. A key topic which will be focussed on further at our next event in November

There is an opportunity to stay overnight and enjoy a three course meal and a glass of wine, with a relaxing breakfast the day after, all courtesy of Nursery World.

The day is completely free to attend for nursery groups though spaces are limited.

If you have interest in attending please email tom.curtiss@markallengroup.com or [click here](#). By Monday 28th November.

[What Really Matters for Babies Webinar with Julia Manning-Morton Online Webinar](#)

Thursday, November 14th · 4 - 5pm – Online

Julia Manning-Morton's career in the early childhood field spans 40+ years and diverse roles as a nursery practitioner, adviser and inspector; mostly in London, UK. She was previously course leader for **Early Childhood Studies** at London Metropolitan University and is now an **independent consultant, author, lecturer and trainer**, including being an associate trainer for Early Education, a Froebel Travelling Tutor, a committee member of Pikler (UK) and chairperson for a local playgroup.

To support her own wellbeing, Julia sings, dances, does yoga, gardens, and makes stained glass panels, but probably not as regularly as she likes to think. She lives in East London, UK.

In this session we will:

- Think about key ideas regarding the **play, development and learning of infants and young toddlers** and the types of experiences that support them.
- Consider **physical and emotional dependency** and growing competence and autonomy as key issues in provision for babies
- Identify key aspects of practice that support babies' well-being; particularly the **importance of developing key person relationships with children and parents**, and the professional observation skills that support this.
- Introduce the central tenets of the **Pikler approach**, free movement, respectful care and autonomous play.
- Reflect on the relationship between personal and professional reactions and responses in work with very young children.

Click here to sign up: [What Really Matters for Babies Webinar with Julia Manning-Morton Tickets, Thu, Nov 14, 2024 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Foundation Years -Safeguarding Excellence: Protecting Our Youngest Learners

Wednesday, November 27th, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Microsoft Teams for *Safeguarding Excellence: Protecting Our Youngest Learners*.

This is Foundation Years' first live event for quite some time, so we'd love you to come along.

This comprehensive session will focus on critical aspects of safeguarding children in early years settings, recapping official guidance from DfE and emphasising practical strategies to deal with common challenges, such as managing allergies, applying safeguarding best practices in daily roles and many more.

We will hear from a range of experts who will share insights on creating inclusive environments, recognising and responding to allergy-related emergencies, and implementing proactive measures that ensure a high level of safeguarding for all children.

Whether you're an EYFS teacher, EY educator, childminder, school/nursery leader, or work within Local Authority child protection, this event is designed to empower you with essential knowledge and tools to create safe, nurturing learning spaces for our youngest learners.

We invite you to join us for this important event, learn from experienced professionals, and take actionable steps to elevate safeguarding standards in your role.

To book your place, click here: [Foundation Years -Safeguarding Excellence: Protecting Our Youngest Learners Tickets, Wed 27 Nov 2024 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)