

What's New?

New 2 year offer for working families.

Summer term saw the first phase of the roll out of the new expanded offers for working families. Over 500 more local 2-year-olds have been able to access funded hours this term; with over 70% of all 2 year olds across the borough are now taking up some funded hours. At ward level take up is between 55-80% across both disadvantage and working offers. These new funded hours mean that an extra £640,000 will be paid to local providers for the new working offer and a total of £1.3million will be paid across both offer this term.

Although the new 2 year offer has been well received and take up has been good, it has not been without hiccups. There have been many incidences of places having been agreed without checking that the code, especially new 2-year codes, is valid for the term. This has either been due to the code being issued after the deadline date or not having been reconfirmed in time and the end date had passed before the start of term. The deadline dates are not set locally by NELC but dictated by the statutory guidance. All funded offers are subject to the same deadline dates, see below

Term	Child must have reached the relevant age (9mths, 2, 3 or 4 years old) ON or BEFORE	Eligibility code must have a start date ON or BEFORE	Eligibility code must have an end date ON or AFTER
Autumn	31st August	31st August	1st September
Spring	31st December	31st December	1st January
Summer	31st March	31st March	1st April

As with 30 hours, no new claims can be made against a working families eligibility code if the end date has passed, and the code is in the grace period.

As the next phase, funded hours for working families for children from 9 months, rolls out in September, it is important that all new codes are checked against the dates above, prior to confirming a place. It is important to note that, it is the responsibility of

- **Parents** to apply and receive the code before the term in which they want to use it,
- **Providers** to check that a code is valid before they agree a place or submit a claim.
- **Parents** must reconfirm their eligibility every three months to continue to access a funded place.

Each term the EYE team sends providers a copy of the relevant deadline dates for codes, submissions, and claims. They also notify you if you have any codes that are about to expire or are in a grace period. You can also check this yourself by logging into the portal.

The FFIS team also share information across their social media platforms about when to apply, how to claim and reminders for parents to reconfirm their codes to remain eligible. Please feel free to share with your families and followers.

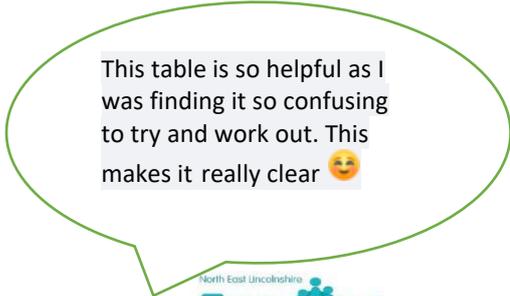
FFIS Annual Childcare Audits

Families First Information service (FFIS) have sent all providers their annual childcare audit to complete. For FFIS to provide the most comprehensive and accurate information to parents, families and professional, they need to ensure that the data they hold for your setting is correct. All early years and childcare providers are required to complete the annual audit so that you can remain on the funded provider lists and/or the provider directory. The information you provide also informs the annual childcare sufficiency assessment (CSA). The CSA includes the supply, demand and take up of EY's and childcare places locally and determines whether more places are required. This is especially important as the new expanded childcare for working parents and wraparound childcare offers roll out.

Thank you to those who completed and returned your forms by the deadline of June 14th. However, there are still some forms outstanding. If you have not returned yours yet or want the forms resending to you, please contact FFIS via ffis@nelincs.gov.uk.

NEW GRAPHIC

We have received very positive feedback from parents regarding the graphic below setting out what support is available to families. Please feel free to share across your networks, social media etc. Please contact the team if you would like this in PDF format.



COMING SOON



More Childcare Support for working families.

FROM	From 9 months	2 year olds	3 & 4 year olds
NOW	Tax Free Childcare for working families (Can claim from birth) Universal Credit for Childcare	15 hours for disadvantaged families (low or no income) Tax Free Childcare (working families) Universal Credit for Childcare *15 hours for working families* <small>(must receive the code by 31st March 2024 to access from April)</small>	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families Tax Free Childcare (working families) Universal Credit for Childcare
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15 hours over 38 weeks or 570 hours per year

30 hours over 38 weeks or 1140 hours per year

eligibility criteria applies to all funding

#DoSomethingBig

NEW Early Years Vacancy Bulletin

Each week the team will be sharing the latest job vacancies across the local early years and childcare sector. If you would like your vacancies advertising for FREE, plus send the details through to earlyyearsNELC@nelincs.gov.uk by 12 noon on Thursday for it to be included in that weeks bulletin.

The bulleting is shared across all the FIS social media platforms, local recruitment and support agencies, job centres and other partners.

Consultation/Survey's

The annual Childcare survey for parents will be published shortly. Please share across all your families and networks. This survey will provide up to date information about the needs of families and the demand for childcare locally and helps us to understand the barriers to accessing the childcare that is required to work or train.

This years survey also includes some additional questions about the wraparound childcare that families currently use, would like to access and will need in the future.

The survey will be shared across all of the FFIS social media platforms as well as the NELC consultation pages.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Delivered By
<p>Starting Monday 8th April</p>	<p>INTRODUCING MODULAR ACCELERATION PILOT PROGRAMME</p> <p>You can study specific modules from our degrees for FREE!</p> <p>YOU DO NOT need English or Maths qualifications YOU CAN have an existing degree in any subject THIS CAN be used as CPD or to obtain credits towards a degree</p> <p>See the flyer below for more detail</p>	 <p>University Centre Grimsby</p> <p><small>PART OF THE</small> T: C Partnership <small>Training • Education • Careers</small></p>
<p>9th July 2024</p> <p>The Cavendish Conference Centre London</p>	<p>Birth to Three: Meeting Children’s Unique Needs</p> <p>Join us at Birth to Three: Meeting Children’s Unique Needs on Tuesday 9th July at The Cavendish Conference Centre in central London.</p> <p><i>Nursery World</i> has assembled a stellar line-up of expert speakers for a day of presentations, workshops and case studies of good practice.</p> <p>With increasing numbers of under-threes set to access early years education and care, this vital, timely event will help all nursery practitioners and managers to give children under three the best possible start.</p> <p>Find out more at Birth to Three 2024 - Programme (birthto3conference.com)</p>	 <p>NurseryWorld Conferences</p>

June 2024

Date	Event	Delivered By
<p>15th July 2024 12th Aug 2024 9th Sept 2024 7th Oct 2024 4th Nov 2024 2^{ns} Dec 2024</p> <p>15:00 – 16:00</p> <p>Online</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LADO Workshop</p> <p>LADO workshops occurs the fourth Monday of every month and lasts about 1.5 hours.</p> <p>Aims and Objectives: To understand;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what an Allegation is • the LADO role • the LADO process • your role in the LADO process • when & how to make a LADO referral <p>Invites can be extended to all partner agencies and those who are party to the procedure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Microsoft Teams meeting Click here to join the meeting</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL www.nelincs.gov.uk</p>
<p>Various dates for 2024</p> <p>29th July 20th August 25th September 17th October 22nd November 16th December</p> <p>Grimsby Town Hall</p> <p>09:30 to 16:30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Relationship Matters Training - Reducing Parental Conflict</p> <p>This course is part of the Together for Childhood Workforce Development offer.</p> <p>It is aimed at any practitioner who comes into close regular contact with children and families. This training is designed to build awareness of the impact of parental conflict on children. It will give practitioners the skills to help families to identify the conflict and understand their behaviours, giving practitioners the tools to be able to encourage behaviour change in parents to improve outcomes for children. The training supports anyone working with families to develop the confidence, knowledge and skills to reduce conflict and drive more positive outcomes. This FREE training is aimed at any practitioner that comes into contact regularly with children and families.</p> <p>Pre-reading/research is available here: Home - Relationship Matters, Reducing Parental Conflict Hub (eif.org.uk)</p> <p>If you have any queries about the course, please contact emma.kennedy@nelincs.gov.uk</p> <p>Booking is via Academy-NEL.</p>	

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<p>24th Sept 2024 09:30-12:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinarily Available Provision</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Seminars</p> <p>What does provision for children with SEN and Disabilities look like in the early years? Is it agreed across your local area? How can 'ordinarily available' provision help?</p> <p>The current legislation, including the SEN Code of Practice 2015, the Equality Act 2010, and the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage framework require settings to use their best endeavours to provide and secure an inclusive education for all children and young people. Settings must anticipate the reasonable adjustments needed to enable all children and young people, including those with SEN and Disabilities, to access an appropriate curriculum.</p> <p>These duties extend to identifying provision that is 'ordinarily available' to all children within a local area. Outlining a set of expectations within local areas encourages consistency between settings, develops inclusive practice, and provides parents/carers with a clear idea of the support their child will receive.</p> <p>Attend this seminar to find out more about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is required under the Children and Families Act and Equality Act • The wider benefits of having an agreement about provision • Examples and shared learning from recent EYSEND Partnership work <p style="text-align: center;">EYSEND National Seminar on Ordinarily Available Provision Tickets, Tue 24 Sep 2024 at 09:30 Eventbrite</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">  COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN </p> <p style="text-align: center;">  Early Years SEND PARTNERSHIP </p>

INTRODUCING OUR

MODULAR ACCELERATION PILOT PROGRAMME

You can study specific modules
from our degrees for FREE!

Safeguarding Children and Young Children's Learning and Development

Starting Monday 8th April
5.30-9pm at the University Centre Grimsby

YOU DO NOT need English or Maths qualifications
YOU CAN have an existing degree in any subject
THIS CAN be used as CPD or to obtain credits towards a degree

How to apply:

Email headadmissions@grimsby.ac.uk
or call 0800 315002 quoting 'MAP'



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What will you learn on the Safeguarding Children module?

Students will be introduced to the protocols involved in safeguarding children and will be made aware of their individual responsibilities within this arena. The aims of the module are that students develop a very clear understanding of the historical aspects of safeguarding and how and why it has shaped and developed in the way that it is. There have been many important factors that have impacted upon the safeguarding remit and the factors that impact upon the decisions made and the strategies undertaken to keep children safe. The module will explore a number of contemporary issues that relate to the safeguarding realm, including a focus on safeguarding child in the digital world. This will align with statutory requirements in relation to keeping children safe from harm and in recognising the signs and symptoms of abuse.

On completion of this module, you will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss the skills required with others to safeguard.
2. Evaluate and discuss legislation and policies by identifying key elements.
3. Evaluate definitions of child abuse and the safeguarding of children in different historical scenarios.
4. Apply safeguarding theory to everyday practice in the Early Years Sector.

What will you learn on the Young Children's Learning and Development module?

The aim of this module is to ensure students gain an understanding of the main body of theories associated with child development. This includes exploring different physical disabilities and learning difficulties, brain development and the effects of trauma on learning. The students will have opportunities to consider different ways in which learning takes place and factors that may influence development and learning. This module will help students to explore various issues concerning children and their growth from different perspectives. Gaining an understanding of physical, emotional, cognitive and social development is one of the most important aspects of working with young children and in supporting families. It is the role of the practitioner to ensure that these development needs are being met and that as a sector the children and their families are being supported.

Developing an understanding of how children grow and why children develop in the ways that they do, enables practitioners to plan and assess the children in line with their abilities and also allows for effective planning of next steps, catering for individual traits of children. Without developing this understanding those working in the sector run the risk of children not progressing or developing in line with current Government expectations and local agenda. The Early Years Foundation stage (EYF5) places a great deal of emphasis on the development areas and how and why practitioners should value these key stages of development. The module therefore allows practitioners to understand how they can best support children in assessing and planning for their next steps, a fundamental aspect of the sector's expectations.

On completion of this module, you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills to meet and promote children's development.
2. Discuss various barriers that could influence babies or children's learning and development.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental concepts and principles of child growth and development.
4. Evaluate theoretical perspectives and demonstrate an ability to analyse competing positions in relation to child development.

Key Information

MODULE 1 - Starting 8th April 2024 - Safeguarding Children (11 weeks, includes 1 week orientation)
MODULE 2 - Starting 16th September 2024 - Young Children's Learning and Development (10 weeks)



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Did You Know?



CHILDCARE APPLICATIONS FOR PARENTS OF 9 MONTH OLDS TO OPEN 12 MAY

Applications for the second phase of the largest ever expansion of free childcare in England's history will open on 12 May, the government has announced.

From that date, eligible working parents of children from 9 months old will be able to register to access 15 hours of government-funded childcare a week, with the offer beginning from September 2024.

REFRESHED CHILDCARE CHOICES TOOLKIT

The refreshed Childcare Choices toolkit is now available to download: [Guidance and resources | Childcare choices](#)

The toolkit includes:

- Key messaging in preparation for the new 15 hours offer for parents of 9-23 month olds that will be rolled out from September.
- The addition of a link to translated Childcare Choices leaflets into 11 different languages.
- Links to more recent case studies.

Latest Updates from Department of Education

Nothing to report

Latest Updates and News from Ofsted

Nothing to report

And finally, some fun stuff

There has been a lot happening in our area. Here is a selection of some of the activities and events that have recently been shared by FFIS. To keep up to date with what's going on follow FFIS on social media

 <https://www.facebook.com/familiesfirstnel>

 https://www.twitter.com/FF_NELincs

 <https://www.instagram.com/familiesfirstnel/>



The poster is a colorful invitation for a family story time session. At the top left is the 'North Cleethorpes BIG LOCAL' logo, which includes a red silhouette of a town with a church spire. To its right are two colorful butterflies. Further right is the logo for 'Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire', featuring a green circular arrangement of stylized human figures. The central text 'Family Story Time' is written in a large, blue, serif font, with 'BIG LOCAL NORTH CLEETHORPES & VANEL' written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font arching over it. Below the title, the time '10:30 - NOON' and the date 'Wednesday 21st August 2024' are listed. The location '82 Grimsby Road - Cleethorpes DN35 7DP' is also provided. The poster includes several illustrations: a yellow sun with rays, a rainbow, a green leafy branch, a slice of watermelon, a strawberry, two green caterpillars, and a pink cupcake. At the bottom, there are four colorful lollipops (yellow, pink, blue, and red) on sticks. The overall design is bright and child-friendly.

North Cleethorpes
BIG LOCAL

BIG LOCAL NORTH CLEETHORPES & VANEL

Voluntary Action North
East Lincolnshire

Family Story Time

10:30 - NOON
Wednesday 21st August 2024

82 Grimsby Road - Cleethorpes
DN35 7DP

Story Suitable for Under 5's.
Older Siblings Are Welcome

This is a **FREE** Session
All Children must be accompanied by an adult
Soft Drinks & Biscuits
Will Be Available.
See you there.

MUMS IN CLEETHORPES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

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SCHOOL UNIFORM EVENT

**Wednesday 7th
August 1-3 2024**

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NUNS CORNER**
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Oasis Hub South Grimsby

UNIFORM DONATION DROP OF POINTS

Oasis Hub South, Sutcliffe Ave,
Nunsthorpe, DN33 1AW

The Uniform Hut, 123-125 Pasture Street,
Grimsby, DN32 9EE

Gingerbread café Church Lane,
Humberston, DN36 4HZ

Haverstoe Park Pavilion, Hardys Rd,
Cleethorpes DN35 0DH

Please drop off any school uniform between 22nd July - 5th August
so we can collect all donations ready for the event
(Wednesday 7th August 1pm-3pm at The Grimsby Institute)

Please ensure all uniform is clean and in a wearable condition, please do
not donate any items that you would not be happy to dress your own
child in.

Thank you for your support.

HAVERSTOE PARK PAVILION

THE UNIFORM HUT

Oasis Hub South Grimsby

June 2024

HUMBERSIDE POLICE 999 DAY 2024

 SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024 

11AM - 4PM

@ HAMILTON STREET POLICE STATION



Meet your Neighbourhood Policing Team along with

Armed Forces SSAFA
Humberside Fire and Rescue
East Midlands Ambulance Service

Coastguard
Lives



Hamilton Street Police Station
Grimsby
DN31 7RS

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NEE NAW DAY 2024

Saturday 24 August
10:00 - 15:00

Grimsby North Police Station
394 Cromwell road
Grimsby
DN31 2BN

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The day includes.....

-  The opportunity to sit in a Police Car, Fire Engine and Ambulance
-  Officers in the stocks
-  The chance to be a detective & find clues in a crime scene
-  Free burgers and drinks from Rapid Relief
Plus Police band & much more.....



We look forward to seeing you!