

What's New?

New funding rate for 2025-26

We recently consulted with all EYE funded providers and provided the sector options regarding the hourly and deprivation rates for the financial year 2025-26. We also consulted as to the payment schedule that providers preferred.

All providers have been sent the outcome report from the consultation and the actual funding rates. The new rates come into effect from summer term 2025 and are confirmed as

Age	Standard Hourly Rate
3 & 4 year olds EYE	£5.48
2 year olds EYE	£7.80
Under 2's EYE	£10.67
Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)	£1.00
Deprivation (EYPP eligibility)	£0.20
Disability Access Fund (DAF)	£938.00

All providers will receive their indicative budgets, an updated EYE handbook and provider agreement shortly. Please ensure you read the handbook as this sets out the expectations of the LA and providers for the EYE as well as the terms and conditions of funding.

All providers will need to sign the new agreement to claim EYE from April 2025-Mar 2027



All providers have access to resources via the Childcare Works Hub

The HUB is a bank of resources available to Local Authorities and childcare providers implementing the childcare expansion programme. Here you will find a comprehensive library of the resources developed to support the roll-out of the early years and wraparound childcare expansion project.

In January two new toolkits were launched one for [Early Years Toolkit | from Childcare Works](#) and the other for [Wraparound Childcare Toolkit | from Childcare Works](#).



Helping-providers-get-the-most-out-of

Springboard universal Outreach Service

The Universal Outreach Service will provide support, guidance and advice to schools in relation to pupils with Autism and/or Communication and Interaction difficulties.

The service is outlined below -

Professionals advice and guidance

From November the Local Authority in conjunction with our Autism Education Trust license holders, are launching a professional's advice line.

The advice line and email contact can be used by any professional working in education.

The team aim to respond to your query within two working days.

Email –
springboard@cambridgepark.het.academy

or

Telephone – 01472 230110 ext **206**

Workforce Development offer

Autism Education Trust Accredited provider

Making Sense of Autism is a 2.5hr training session available to all professionals working with children and young people across North East Lincolnshire.

This training is being offered free of charge for this academic year. Book your place today. All details of the available dates are shared on our SEND Local Offer.

Additional modules available to settings, e.g.

Transitions
Developing Play
Toileting

The advice line can be used to access information, advice and guidance to help support education setting staff support children with autism and/or communication and interaction difficulties in their setting. Examples of how they might be able to help includes...

- What resource could I use to.....
- How do I use a social story to...
- I want to reduce this behaviour, what would you recommend?
- Is there some sleep support available for practitioners and parents?
- I've tried everything in school, what could I do next?
- How does a visual timetable work? What do I need to do to make one?
- I need some ideas for how we can support X to be more independent.
- How can we help X manage eating their dinner in the dining room?
- What could we set up at playtime to help children with neurodiversity needs?

Please contact Vicky McGuire to discuss your training needs today.

vmcguire@cambridgepark.het.academy

Shout Outs to all our local Outstanding Settings



Private, Voluntary, Independent settings



the children's house



Grant Thorald

Forest School



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Childminders



Lynsey's Childminding

Catherine Wallace

Early Years in schools & academies



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Out and about this month

This month, we collaborated with the National Day Nurseries Association to deliver the Brilliant Babies training to settings providing care for children under two. The training focused on how practitioners can support babies in understanding the world around them, emphasising the crucial role they play in promoting



healthy brain development, fostering secure attachments and creating stimulating environments that nurture early growth.








Our Spring Childminders network meeting focused on developing speech and language skills in 3- and 4-year-olds to prepare them for school. Michelle Baynham, an independent speech and language therapist, provided valuable hands-on activities and practical suggestions to help support our efforts in ensuring the children are school-ready. This builds on our recent delivery of the Wellcomm Screening & Intervention toolkit to the childminding sector.



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Delivered By
<p>Saturday 22nd March 2025 – 9am until 4pm</p> <p>Saturday 10th May 2025 – 9am until 4pm</p> <p>At: Queensway Family Hub, Binbrook Way, Grimsby, DN37 9AS</p>  <p>Guide to the Children Families Le</p>	<p align="center">Making it REAL – Early Literacy Training</p> <p>Making it REAL is an evidence based and award winning training that develops children’s early literacy by supporting parents/carers to create a positive early home learning environment. Aimed at children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old.</p> <p>The training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a strong evidence base and supports early literacy and communication skills through play and every day activities, in the home, and out and about. • Provides practical strategies and resources to share with parents/carers for low cost and no cost activities to enjoy with their children. • Prepares practitioners to deliver early literacy sessions including home visits to the allocated families they support. <p>Please direct any booking queries to; Emma Kennedy emma.kennedy@nelincs.gov.uk</p>	  
<p>25th March 2025</p> <p>The Met Hotel Leeds</p>	<p align="center">Department for Education Early Years Provider Roadshows for 2025</p> <p>January 2025 sees the return of The Department for Education Early Education and Childcare Provider Regional Roadshows for group-based setting leaders and managers.</p> <p>These roadshows are your opportunity to find out more about current and future policy, delivery and strategy, including the Best Start in Life pillar of the Opportunity Mission and the expansion of childcare to all eligible working parents of children over the age of 9 months, and to share your views, ideas, best practice and the challenges that settings face.</p> <p>You can register for the regional roadshows via Register - Contact Details</p>	

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<p>Various dates</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NELC Early Years Training Offer 2024-2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please see the attached CPD offer from the team.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Early Years Training Offer 2024-2025 finc</p> </div>	
<p>Flexible</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; gap: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Enabling-Environment-Planning-for-Eff</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Safeguarding-Children-Young-Children</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>International-Perspectives-of-Early-Year</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">FREE BITESIZE MODULES OF A UNIVERSITY DEGREE</p> <p>Discover the Modular Acceleration Programme (MAP) – a groundbreaking initiative offering free tuition for Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) at Levels 4 and 5. MAP provides a flexible and accessible pathway to gain valuable skills and qualifications in various occupational areas, empowering you to advance your career and achieve your goals.</p> <p>Upskill without the commitment of a full degree. Study in the evening.</p> <p>Eligibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged between 19 and 60 • Live in England or work in England (some conditions may apply) • No English or Maths qualifications required • Existing degree holders in any subject can apply <p style="text-align: center;">See the flyers for more detail or follow the link below</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>University Centre Grimsby - Modular Acceleration Programme (freedegreemodules.co.uk)</u></p>	

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Provider	Other CPD / Training available
	<p>Early Years Alliance EYA offer many exciting ways to train with the Alliance. Whether you're just starting out or you're a professional looking to refresh or enhance your knowledge and skills, we offer a range of high-quality courses face-to-face or online.</p> <p><u>Training early years alliance</u></p>
	<p>National Day Nurseries Association All NDNA early years and childcare training is up-to-date, reflecting the very latest childcare best practice. It is written by NDNA's early years experts. Explore our different options below to find the perfect early years training for your team.</p> <p><u>Early years and childcare training - NDNA</u></p>
	<p>Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years At PACEY, we're known for the quality of the training that we provide, and how we support aspiring childcare professionals to gain the qualifications they need to get their dream job in childcare and early years.</p> <p><u>Training from PACEY - PACEY</u></p>
 <p>Department for Education</p>	<p>Department for Education This free online training provides an overview of child development and offers practical advice for supporting children in your setting, including reception years. Each training module on this site covers an important area of child development and has been written by early years experts, working with the Department for Education.</p> <p><u>Early years child development training : Home page</u></p>

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Did You Know?

The help for early years providers has resources, activities and support articles for childminders and practitioners working with children 0-5's [Help for early years providers : Get help for your setting](#) These are separated into three categories



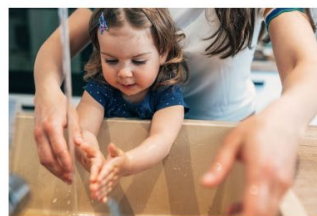
Support for practitioners

Access resources and advice to help improve practice in the early years, including SEND guidance.



Areas of learning

Find out more about each area of learning, including activities you can do in your setting.



Health and wellbeing

Resources to help you support children's health, safety and learning.



The latest article to be included is Toilet Training how to support babies and young children with toilet training in your early years setting. [Help for early years providers : Toilet training](#)

Consultation/Survey's

School Nursing and Health Visiting- Professionals Consultation

Do you work in an organisation which refers into the North East Lincolnshire's School Nursing Service or the Health Visiting Service?

Then we would like to hear from you. North East Lincolnshire Council (NELC) would like to hear from local services and agencies to gain their views on the Health Visiting and School Nursing Services in North East Lincolnshire.

This feedback will help us to understand satisfaction levels, awareness and the impact of the two services. It is also an opportunity for local organisations to put forward suggestions for improvement to these services.

We would like to hear from professional colleagues across all mental health services, GP practices, dental services, education children's therapy, Local Authority and Social Care services, paediatrics and early years settings.

The survey will close **Monday 12 May 2025**.

Click here to provide your feedback to one or both services: <https://tell-us.questionpro.eu/t/AB3utvJZB3v7DK>



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Latest Updates from Department of Education

Action for early years settings

10/02/2025

Take part in cyber breaches survey

The Department for Education, in collaboration with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), is encouraging education settings to take part in research seeking to understand the impact and associated costs of cyber-attacks in early years settings, schools and colleges.

Please complete [this brief survey](#), it should take no more than 5-10 minutes. Your responses will help us understand more about this important issue and inform future government policy

Information for early years settings

10/02/2025

Access the Childcare Works HUB for early years expansion and wraparound childcare

Funded by the Department for Education, the [Childcare Works HUB](#) supports providers delivering the early years entitlements expansion and wraparound childcare programmes.

It contains good practice guidance, case studies, upcoming events and toolkits for [early years](#) and [wraparound childcare](#) to support planning and delivery.

New routes into early years teaching

On Tuesday 28 January 2025, the department announced the introduction of a new Early Years Teacher Degree Apprenticeship (EYTDA), an undergraduate route to Early Years Teacher Status.

More information on the EYTDA is available on the [Get Into Teaching website](#). You can also register your interest by emailing EYTDA.ENQUIRIES@education.gov.uk.

The government is also introducing an [experience-based route for early years staff](#). This route will allow suitable early years staff without an approved qualification to be included in the staff to child ratios at level 3 following successful completion of a supervised practice period.

We encourage you to share your views and ideas about the Childcare Works HUB via the [feedback form](#).

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Early education and childcare

Page summary: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the provision of early education and childcare.

Change made: We have updated the statutory guidance for April 2025. In the charging section, our changes reaffirm that the 15 or 30 hours entitlements must be accessible free of charge to parents. They also reaffirm that there must not be any mandatory charges for parents in relation to the free hours. Our updates also reflect changes to Ofsted inspection judgements for state schools inspected after 2 September 2024. We have also clarified the eligibility criteria for 2 year olds, for both entitlements.

Time updated: 12:01am, 21 February 2025

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Page summary: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the provision of early education and childcare.

Change made: Added 'Chargeable extras: template'. This should be used alongside the 'Early education and childcare (effective from 1 April 2025)' guidance.

Time updated: 5:16pm, 21 February 2025

Latest Updates and News from Ofsted

Early years and childcare

[Become a childminder: pre-registration briefing](#) - Updated formatting and content to include information about new childminder flexibilities introduced by the Department for Education.

[Childcare: significant events to notify Ofsted about](#) - Wording added to confirm that Ofsted needs to be notified of any changes to the health of those associated with Ofsted-registered childcare that may affect their decision-making and resilience, even where the individual is not working directly with children. See accompanying [blog post](#) by Jayne Coward, Deputy Director for Early Years Regulatory Policy and Practice.

[Childcare protocols between Ofsted and other organisations](#) - Added protocol between Ofsted and childminder agencies.

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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 FIS. To keep up to date with what's going on follow FIS on social media

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

 https://www.twitter.com/FF_NELincs

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



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**Charity
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&
SUNFLOWER CHILDREN'S ACTION GROUP

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