

What's New?

New offer for working families with under three's.

As the new offers for under two's starts in September, we want to remind all providers that they **MUST** check all new eligibility codes before agreeing a funded place with parents. There were many incidences during the summer term of places having been agreed without checking that the code 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.

NEW GRAPHIC

We have updated the graphic below setting out what support is available to families as we head towards the roll out of childcare support for under two's. Please feel free to share across your networks, social media etc. Please contact the team if you would like this in PDF format.



Childcare Support for All Families

From September 2024	Childcare Offers Available <small>(eligibility criteria applies to all funding offers)</small>
From 9 months	<p>Tax Free Childcare for working families <small>(Can claim from birth)</small></p> <p>Universal Credit for Childcare</p> <p>NEW → 15* hours for working families ← NEW</p> <p>From September 2025</p> <p>30* hours for working families</p> <p><small>(must receive the code by 31st Aug 2025 to access from Sept)</small></p>
2 <u>year</u> olds	<p>Tax Free Childcare for working families</p> <p>Universal Credit for Childcare</p> <p>15* hours for disadvantaged families <small>(low or no income)</small></p> <p>15* hours for working families</p> <p>From September 2025</p> <p>30* hours for working families</p> <p><small>(must receive the code by 31st Aug 2025 to access from Sept)</small></p>
<u>3 & 4</u> <u>year</u> <u>olds</u>	<p>Tax Free Childcare for working families</p> <p>Universal Credit for Childcare</p> <p>15* hours for all</p> <p>30* hours for working families</p>
School age	<p>Tax Free Childcare for working families</p> <p>Universal Credit for Childcare</p>

*15 hours over 38 weeks or 570 hours per year or 30 hours over 38 weeks or 1140 hours per year

#DoSomethingBig Campaign

The [Do Something BIG](#) recruitment campaign is ramping up again in early August.

This multi-million-pound broadcast marketing campaign promotes early years and childcare careers on a national-scale across multiple advertising channels. It highlights the huge difference early years professionals make to young children and how rewarding working in the sector can be.

The campaign directs potential applicants to use DWP's [Find a Job](#) vacancy platform to search for early years roles in their area. The service is FREE and easy to use. Below are instructions as to how to register and advertise via the service



DWP Find a Job
instruction.pdf

Financial Incentive Scheme

Have you taken on new staff since April 2024? Could they be eligible for the £1,000 tax free lump sum? Any of the 74 local early years providers could apply for the financial incentive payment for their new recruits, subject to eligibility. To be eligible the new staff member must meet the following criteria

- Start employment on or after 1st April 2024
- Must spend at least 70% of their contracted hours working directly with children.

And be

- Newly recruited to a full or part time early years post with an eligible provider (part time posts must be a minimum of 16 hours per week)
- Returning to the profession after a minimum of 6 months gap (evidence required)

An apprentice who gains a position in the same EY setting as they carried out their apprenticeship would be eligible to receive an incentive when they move from being an apprentice to an employee. The apprentice must have passed their apprenticeship and be taken on in a permanent role.

Those on **temporary contracts** are not eligible to receive an incentive. They are only available for those recruited on a permanent basis.

The incentive is not paid on a pro rata basis. This means that **part-time workers** are eligible for 100% of the payment, regardless of the numbers of hours they work.



Financial Incentive
Pilot Scheme.docx

Early Years and Childcare Vacancy Bulletin

Current Vacancies

Early Years &
Childcare



All providers can also advertise their vacancies on the local bulletin too. 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 bulletin is shared across all the FIS social media platforms, local recruitment and support agencies, job centres and other partners.

Consultation/Survey's

Parent's Childcare Survey 2024



Each year, North East Lincolnshire Council is required to survey parents in order to understand the childcare needs within the local authority this includes, but is not limited to, funded provision for under 4s and wraparound childcare provision for primary aged children.

There is a new National Wraparound Childcare programme that has been introduced by the Department for Education to commence in September 2024; however, some providers are already offering wraparound childcare services for primary school aged children.

As part of the survey, it is important that North East Lincolnshire Council are able to gain a range of views regarding childcare within the local authority and hear from parents who use childcare and from those who do not use childcare specifically where there are barriers to provision.





Please share the consultation and link with your parents, stakeholders and networks. The information from the survey is used to determine where the greatest need for new places is and what type of childcare including days and times are required by local families.

[Take part- external site](#)






This survey will be open until 31st August 2024.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Delivered By
Flexible	<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>Additional Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be used for CPD or to obtain credits towards a degree • Applications to be submitted to HE admissions • Quote “MAP” when making an enquiry • Attached to HTQs (Higher Technical Qualifications) • Programme and learning must be completed by August 31st, 2025 <p style="text-align: center;">See the flyers for more detail or follow the link below</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>International-Perspectives-of-Early-Year</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Enabling-Environment-Planning-for-Eff</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Safeguarding-Children-Young-Children</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">University Centre Grimsby - Modular Acceleration Programme (freedgreemodules.co.uk)</p>	 <p>University Centre Grimsby PART OF THE T:Partnership Training • Education • Careers</p>

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Date	Event	Delivered By
<p>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>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>

Did You Know?



OFFERS FREE RESOURCES

For Early Years And Wraparound Providers



Childcare is changing. Local authorities and childcare Providers have the unique opportunity to embrace a huge expansion in childcare provision. To support this, we will listen to what Local Authorities and Providers need and create expert resources, tools and guidance in response. Completed resources will be hosted in the HUB: a one-stop shop for all roll-out resources.

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.

HUB Resources

Browse the current resources available for Providers to support the implementation of the early years and wraparound childcare expansion project.

[HUB for Providers - childcareworks.org.uk](https://childcareworks.org.uk)

Latest Updates from Department of Education

Nothing to report

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Latest Updates and News from Ofsted

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Early years and childcare

[Childcare accessibility by neighbourhood, England: Ofsted's methodology](#) - Ofsted's methodology examining childcare accessibility by neighbourhood in England.

[Maintaining quality early years provision in the face of workforce challenges](#) - Blog post by Lee Owston (National Director, Education), Alex Jones (Director, Insights and Research) and Yvette Stanley (National Director, Regulation and Social Care).

[Celebrating childminders and welcoming change](#) - Blog post by Lee Owston (National Director Education) and Yvette Stanley (National Director, Regulation and Social Care) to mark Childminding Week. It includes a [video message](#) from HMCI.

[Childminder webinar: I'm new to Ofsted inspection, what do I need to know?](#) - Wendy Ratcliff (HMI and Principal Officer for Early Education Policy) and Sam Sleeman-Boss (Early Years Regulatory Inspector and Early Education Quality and Practice Lead) talk about what childminders can expect from their inspection. They also explain why we want childminders to have the confidence to do what they do every day and not do anything different because the inspector calls.

Sam Sleeman-Boss (Early Years Regulatory Inspector and Early Education Quality and Practice Lead) discusses a number of early years FAQs:

- [How will the inspector provide feedback during the inspection?](#)
- [What if I have concerns about my inspection?](#)
- [How will the inspectors get the views of parents?](#)
- [What do inspectors want to know about ratios?](#)

[Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 March 2024](#) - This release includes registered childcare providers and places, inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 March 2024.

[Consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare](#) - Updated consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare as at 30 June 2024.

[DBS checks for childminders and childcare workers](#) - Updated the email address for the ID checking form.

[Childcare and children's social care health declaration forms](#) - Updated the early years and children's social care health forms.

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/>



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 **THE UNIFORM HUT**

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 **Oasis Hub South Grimsby**



Nunsthorpe Family Hub Fun Day

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

The Nunsthorpe Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on:
6th August at 10am to 2pm

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

Nunsthorpe Family Hub – part of the Start For Life Programme

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East Marsh Family Hub Fun Day

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

The East Marsh Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on:
8th August at 10am to 2pm

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

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**Queensway
Family Hub
Fun Day**

The Queensway Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on:
13th August at 10am to 2pm

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

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**Reynolds
Family Hub
Fun Day**

The Reynolds Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on:
15th August at 10am to 2pm

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

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West Marsh Family Hub Fun Day

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

The West Marsh Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on: **20th August at 10am to 2pm**

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

West Marsh Family Hub – part of the Start For Life Programme

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Central Family Hub Fun Day

come along for family fun!

with **face-painting, games, competitions and prizes to win!**

The Central Family Hub will be hosting a family fun day on: **22nd August at 10am to 2pm**

Find out more about the services and support that the Hub will be offering to families in your area.

Central Family Hub – part of the Start For Life Programme

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