



## Stay Connected with Early Years!

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### Read me now – Urgent and important information

#### Funding Opportunities for Schools

There are currently a number of funding opportunities available for schools to apply for. This includes a **Childcare Expansion Grant Funding Programme** to create additional provision for children under the age of 3 years of age and/or before and after school wraparound provision for Reception to Year 6, from 8am - 6pm during term time only, the **School Based Nurseries Capital Grant** offering up to £150,000 in capital funding to upgrade spare space to create or expand on-site nurseries and the **Breakfast Club Early Adopter Scheme** which will be introducing free breakfast clubs in up to 750 early adopter schools from April 2025 as part of a test and learn phase in advance of national roll out. For more information, guidance and how to apply, please [click here](#).

#### Upcoming Training

- Funding Workshop for providers new to delivering funded places for the early years entitlements
  - 11<sup>th</sup> December, Free, Online, 10am - 11:30am - [book here](#)
- Funding Workshop Refresher for providers delivering funded places for the early years entitlements
  - 11<sup>th</sup> December, Free, Online, 1pm - 2:30pm - [book here](#)
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#### DfE Early Years Applicants Survey - IFF Research



Have you **applied for or recently started a role working with children aged up to four**? The Department for Education would like to hear more about your job search.

Click the link below to take a short 5-10 minute survey.  IFF Research



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The Department for Education has commissioned IFF Research to conduct some research with people who have started a role working with children up to the age of 4 in the last 6 months or have applied for such roles. If this applies to you, the DfE would really value hearing about your views and experiences. Please click on this link to complete a short survey: [www.iffresearch.com/eyfi/la](http://www.iffresearch.com/eyfi/la)

### Read what's coming up next - Important but not urgent information

#### Free Play and Playwork Training for Out of School Providers

The Toy Library are offering 3 free training courses for playworkers in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Out of School Clubs. These sessions can be accessed as stand-alone sessions or booked collectively and will be running, face to face, during February and March 2025. With courses on the internal and external space and games and activities for all, please do find out more and make the most of these free opportunities by [clicking here!](#)

#### Upcoming Training

- Introduction to Safeguarding Children
  - 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, £15, Online, 9:30am - 11:45am - [book here](#)
- Maths - Developing Early Number Sense 4-5 years
  - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025, £45, Castle Cavendish, 9am - 12pm - [book here](#)

## Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

Please [click here](#) for the most recent newsletter from the Early Years Stronger Practice Hub, page four of the newsletter contains more details of upcoming conferences and events, a sample is shared below:

- Developing Your Early Years Leadership – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9:15-15:30
- Inspiration, Creativity and Curiosity – Childminder Conference Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9:30-14:30

This link - [LinkTree](#) - will enable you to see the full CPD offer available and will also enable you to book on.

## Read when you get a moment – Information you might find interesting

### Reducing Parental Conflict Training run by Equation

This training will furnish you with tools for you to use with parents and after the training session you will have a greater understanding of how conflict between parents can affect a child's future, have an awareness of the triggers for parental conflict and an improve understanding of the differences between domestic abuse and parental conflict. You will also gain knowledge about Nottingham City's work towards reducing parental conflict and gain practical tools to help parents find constructive outcomes. Find out more about these 3-hour training opportunities during December by following this link for more information and booking - [Reducing Parental Conflict | Equation](#)

### Upcoming Training

- New to the SENCO Role
  - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, £35, Online, 10am -12pm - [book here](#)
- Safer Recruitment
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, Free, Loxley House, 9:30am - 12:30pm - [book here](#)

### Free Online Courses for Parents, Carers, Grandparents & Teens - Please share with families you work with

Nottingham City Council have partnered with the Solihull Approach to offer free online courses for families living across the region. These courses have been designed to support parents, carers and grandparents understand more about their child's feelings and behaviour and raise them to be emotionally aware, sociable and confident. Courses are tailored for all stages of a child's development to help all family members through reflective, supportive learning without judgment. For teens, specialist online learning will help them make sense of brain changes during adolescence and what that means for how they feel, make decisions, and connect in important relationships.

To find out more about the courses and how to access them, please visit <https://inourplace.co.uk/nottingham/>

### Oral Health

The EYFS Statutory Framework expects early years providers to promote children's good health and oral hygiene, which should be introduced to children at an early age. A child's first experiences with dental hygiene and oral health can impact on the rest of their life. We have added some more information and resources on this topic on our [website](#).

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