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**The Early
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Read me now – Urgent and important information

Free Breakfast Clubs

The government is committed to delivering a free breakfast club in every state-funded school with primary-aged pupils in England. The evidence shows that children benefit most from a breakfast club which not only provides a healthy breakfast, but also a soft start to the school day before learning begins. This helps to drive improvements in behaviour, attendance and attainment, and provides families with more affordable childcare choices. **If your school is not currently part of the programme, the DfE have requested that you complete this [short survey](#) by 17 July 2026.**

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

Ofsted's Chief Inspector addresses NDNA Conference 2026

Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Sir Martyn Oliver, recently spoke at the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) Conference in Liverpool. In his speech, he reinforced that **children's safety must remain the highest priority** across early years settings. While recognising that most nurseries provide high-quality care, Sir Martyn highlighted that **recent serious safeguarding incidents show there is still work to be done** to strengthen the system.

To read the full speech, visit:

[Martyn Oliver's speech at the National Day Nurseries Association - GOV.UK](#)

Ofsted Facebook Live Event

Ofsted also hosted a **Facebook Live Q&A session**, where members of the early years team responded to questions from the sector. The session covered key topics including sleep safety, inspection timelines and Ofsted gradings. A recording of the event is now available on YouTube, which you can watch via this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F0LBMsuM4wY>

Safeguarding information

Designated Safeguarding Lead Training

We still have a few places left on our Designated Safeguarding Leads Training on the 4th August 2026, 9:30am - 12:30pm at the Nottingham Library. To book your place, please [click here!](#)

Safer Sleep

[The Lullaby Trust](#) provides evidence-based information for parents and professionals on promoting safe sleep for babies. They have produced a guide for early years practitioners be found [here](#).

Parenting advice and activity ideas for children from birth to 5 years old.

The Team Around the Family (TAF) has shared [this EasyPeasy Leaflet](#), which provides unlimited parenting advice and a range of activities for children aged 0-5 years.

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