

# Early years provider update email

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## Congratulations...

to the following providers who achieved an Outstanding Ofsted grade over the last few months:

Laura Margaret Holland-Parkes – Harborough

## FEEE

### Last call for new parents to register for 30 hours

Please remind new parents that they must apply with the HMRC by the 31<sup>st</sup> August to be eligible for 30 hours in the autumn period.

HMRC sometimes needs more information from the parent to check whether they're eligible, so parents should allow time for this. If there is a delay and they are not approved by the 31<sup>st</sup> August parents may not receive funding until January 2019.

The local authority cannot make any extended entitlement payments in the Autumn if a parent doesn't have a code predating the 31 August. All enquiries must be settled with HMRC – contact them on 0300 123 4097.

Please also remind parents who are currently accessing the extended entitlement that it is their responsibility to re-check their eligibility prior to their deadline date. Providers can access the deadline dates and the grace period end dates through the [provider portal's](#) 30 hours dashboard.

Posters to promote all the funding schemes are available in our good practice section on our [website](#).

### Parental Statement of Undertaking (PSOU)

We have updated the [PSOU template](#) to enable practitioners to have a more robust contract with parents:

- Providing more space for parent and child details to be added
- Creating a new section that ensures parents realise that they are liable to pay for childcare if they do not re-check their validity every 3 months for the extended entitlement
- Reiterating the early leaving notice periods parents might be liable for

As this is a template you can tailor it for your needs. Find this in our good practice section on the [website](#).

## Training

All courses for the Autumn term are now located in date order on our new platform [Eventbrite](#).

Once booked and paid for you will receive an email for each course with all details you need. Please keep this as proof of the event and bring it with you to the training course.

### **EYFS 3i and SENCO Network Meeting - [Book Now](#)**

The autumn 3i SENCO Network Meeting will focus on "supporting young children with developmental needs in early years provision". Ideas and strategies will be given which will help staff to plan for, and support children who have significantly delayed development. Useful resources will be shared along with top tips for developing inclusive practice. There will also be a range of information stands available and the opportunity to network with other partners and providers.

### **Developing Inclusive Practice – SEND in the Early Years. [Book Now](#)**

### **A one day conference on 8th December 2018 at the NSPCC National Training Centre - Leicester**

9.00am - 4.00pm Only £5 Childminders / £10 Providers

Focusing on children with special educational needs and disabilities, this government subsidised conference will give you time to reflect on and develop your inclusive early years practice.

We'll hear about the impact a high quality, inclusive setting can have on children and families. Following a keynote speech, workshops and stalls will give you the opportunity to network with peers and share best practice.

## Safeguarding

### **Working Together to Safeguard children**

The new guidance, previously sent to you in draft form, has been released officially. Published copy [here](#).

### **Disqualification by Association**

As part of the updated Working together to Safeguard Children Document July 2018, the DfE have released the amendments for Disqualification by Association requirement.

Please find a copy of the consultation findings and amendments [here](#)

### **Mental health support for children in care**

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced a new £1million pilot scheme that will aim to give children in care better mental health assessments as they enter the care system. The trial aims to establish: which professionals should be involved in the assessment process at which stage; and to develop best practice that ensures the child's unique needs are at the centre of the process. Read the full report on the scheme [here](#)

### **Destitution in the UK 2018**

The Joseph Rowntree foundation has updated its [Destitution in the UK report for 2018](#). It estimates that over 1.5million people, including 365,000 children, were destitute in the UK at some point during 2017. This means that they could not afford to buy the essentials needed to eat, stay warm and dry, and keep clean. Read the full report by following the link above.

### **Children speak out on homelessness**

The Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) has published a [report](#) on the experiences of homeless children housed in Bed & Breakfasts (B&B) and Temporary Accommodation (TA) in England. The report claims that children are being housed illegally in B&Bs for long periods, leaving them at risk to sexual exploitation, mental and physical health problems, and disruption to their education.

### **FGM statistics update**

NHS Digital has published [experimental statistics](#) about female genital mutilation (FGM) in England. Find the NSPCC's guide to signs, indicators and effects of FGM [here](#)

### **Online safety**

The 5Rights Foundation, a charity advocating for children's rights online, has published a [report](#), outlining the damaging effects of 'persuasive design', a practice which manipulates innate human behaviour, and its impact on children's social, mental and physical development.

## **Local News**

### **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**

The [EYPP web page](#) has recently been reviewed and new information and resources added. It has also been updated to take into account all the changes around checking eligibility.

What's new on the web page

- the new EYPP publication [Making choices that make a difference](#), look at the last page to see the checklist
- examples of EYPP action plans and commentaries
- an updated action plan format
- an example of a Transition Progress Summary and guidance for an EYPP child.
- an EYPP audit to use to reflect on and continue to develop your practice [aisla.robinson@leics.gov.uk](mailto:aisla.robinson@leics.gov.uk)

### **Penn Green Centre for children and their families**

Penn Green has developed a celebratory assessment tool for children with special educational needs and/or disability. This work has been funded by the Department for Education.

Find out more about '[a celebratory approach to SEND assessment in the early years](#)'

## **National News**

### **HMRC digital support**

This '[recorded webinar](#)' has been designed especially for childminders, so you can watch at a time that suits you. During the webinar you'll learn more about the business expenses you can claim tax relief on including:

- start-up costs
- day to day food and drink
- replacing equipment.

There's also a useful '[Online Guide for Childminders](#)' that can be accessed at any time. Complete the learning at your own pace, with learning checks, options to go back, restart or return to specific chapters at any time.

**Latest news including the Fortnightly Provider E-Blasts can be found at**  
**<https://resources.leicestershire.gov.uk/elc-news>**