



**Volume 1 issue 18**

Welcome to our weekly  
bulletin.

These are the deadlines,  
important dates, and  
announcements and new  
resources for the week 6<sup>th</sup> –  
10<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

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## Notes from FCCC

The FCCC team will be visiting P&T groups, Libraries and Shopping centres in the Fingal area to provide information, advice and support to Parents and Childminders in relation to all areas of childcare. Keep an eye on our FB page for upcoming dates.



### **Fingal CCC have set up a network group ( community of professionals)**

The goal of this network is to offer support to each other and share ideas. It will be the role of Fingal CCC to facilitate this group in the beginning. The vision is down the line to hand it over to the network group. To begin with we hope to be meeting once a month or as the group requests. These meetings can be online, face to face or in each others services.

You all have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to ELC and SAC but it can often be isolating or lonely if you are on your own. This group creates a support network for all who join it.

The topics will vary and will be driven by what the group want to discuss or would like more knowledge on.

We have set up a whatsapp group and plan to meet again in March.

We have planted the seed and would love your help in making this grow



For more information please email: [karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie) or call : 0874705806

### **Latest COPP NEWS:**

With the good weather finally arriving our community of professional will be having a lunch time chat next week. We hope to discuss the topic of outdoor play/environment.

Please see a nice activity that may interest your service.



[Get children outdoors to play and learn, on Outdoor Classroom Day and all year round!](#)



We will also be discussing wellness and how you can look after yourself. Sharing ideas and tip.

The next meeting in online on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.00-2.00 pm for anyone to join. New members welcome

See link: [Link to COPP Lunchtime Chat](#)

## FCCC Training



### Introduction to Síolta, Aistear and the Practice Guide

FCCC is delighted to announce that they are hosting an Introduction to Síolta, Aistear and the Practice Guide workshop.

This workshop is aimed at practitioners who would like to increase their understanding of and familiarity with the Aistear Síolta practice guide and is a prerequisite for NSAI Aistear and Play CPD delivered through Better Start Quality Development Service.

This workshop and all NSAI training and CPD supports are eligible quality improvement activities for Core Funding Quality Action Plans

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	6.00-9.00pm	FCCC offices Digital Office Centre Dublin Airport Balheary Road K67 E5A0 Swords

To book a place click on the link :

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/introduction-to-siolta-aistear-and-the-practice-guide-tickets-901577311007>

**This session is free and limited to 20 participants and 1 place per service.**



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An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionann  
Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta ag  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth



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**HUB**  
na nÓg  
YOUNG VOICES  
IN DECISION MAKING

**Every day spaces training  
for early years/SAC  
practitioners &  
Childminders**

This training will focus on how The National Participation Framework can enhance your work on involving babies, toddlers, and young children in decision-making in your everyday practice.

**Date : 8. 6.24**      **Venue : Digital office**  
**Time 9.30-3.30**      **centre swords**

Bookings made through event brite  
limited spaces 12

Email:  
karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie      PH; 0874705806

**Click on the eventbrite link below to book a place**

**<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/everyday-spaces-training-for-early-years-sac-educators-childminders-tickets-901324735547>**



## **Better Start Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Online Information Session for Parents**

Fingal County Childcare Committee has always focused on ensuring that **parents** in Fingal are kept informed and supported throughout their child’s time attending an Early Years’ Service.

The Better Start Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) which was unveiled in June 2016 is a model of supports designed to ensure that children with additional support needs can access the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme. The goal is to empower both service providers and parents working together to ensure children have access to an inclusive pre-school experience, and that every child can fully participate in the ECCE programme and reap the benefits of quality early years care and education.

FCCC will be hosting an online session presented by The Better Start team to ensure that parents are knowledgeable and confident when engaging in the application process in partnership with an Early Years’ Service.

DATE	TIME	FINGAL AREA  (Register on Eventbrite to attend)
Friday May 24 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Online via Teams  10.00am to 11.30am	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aim-information-session-for-parents-of-ecce-children-tickets-899785441477">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aim-information-session-for-parents-of-ecce-children-tickets-899785441477</a>

## **Better Start Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)**

### **Online Refresher information session for Early Years Practitioners and Providers**

Fingal County Childcare Committee has always focused on ensuring that early year’s **providers** in Fingal are kept informed of matters that influence high quality provision and practice for the sector.

The Better Start Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) which was unveiled in June 2016 is a model of supports designed to ensure that children with additional needs can access the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) programme. Its goal is to empower service providers to deliver an inclusive pre-school experience, ensuring that every child can fully participate in the ECCE programme and reap the benefits of quality early years care and education.

FCCC will be hosting an online session in collaboration with the Better Start team within Fingal to ensure that early year’s settings are confident when applying through the AIM process. The online session will be specifically for services with:

- New staff in the service
- Will be engaging with AIM for the first time.
- Wish to refresh on the objectives and levels of AIM.

DATE	TIME	FINGAL AREA  (Click on the link below to register your place on Eventbrite)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024	5.30pm to 7pm	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aim-information-session-for-early-years-providers-practitioners-tickets-899775762527">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/aim-information-session-for-early-years-providers-practitioners-tickets-899775762527</a>



# AIM Information session for Parents

Is your child  
in preschool  
or starting  
preschool in  
2024?

Virtual Meeting @ 10am  
May 24th



An information session for  
parents explaining the AIM  
(Access and Inclusion Model)  
for ECCE children that require  
AIM supports. Delivered by  
the Better Start team.

Topics Covered:  
Targeted and Universal  
Supports and AIM inclusive  
play  
To Book a place click here







# AIM Information session for Providers and Practitioners

Virtual Meeting @ 5.30pm  
May 23rd



## Suitable for:

- New staff in the service
- Staff engaging with AIM for the first time.
- Staff who wish to refresh on the objectives and levels of AIM.

Delivered by the Better Start team.

Topics Covered:  
Targeted and Universal  
Supports and AIM inclusive  
play  
[To Book a place click here](#)



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Luathbhlianta Náisiúnta  
National Early Years  
Quality Development



ACCESS &  
INCLUSION MODEL



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## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

Core Funding May Review and Confirm opened

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May:**

Core Funding May Review and Confirm closes

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

Early Years Annual Sector Profile closes

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024:**

Deadline for submission of Core Funding Financial Reporting

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:**

NCS subsidy change

## For your information



### **Core Funding Reporting Requirement Year 1**

The Core Funding Reporting Requirement for year 1 consists of an Income and Expenditure report. The completed report will be submitted on a new portal which will open in two stages.

**Stage 1** – Providers should have received an email from [support@cfcrs.ie](mailto:support@cfcrs.ie). If you haven't and after checking your junk mail, contact Karen on **Mobile:** 0874705806 | Email: [karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

The email will contain a link that will take you directly to the registration portal where you will register and link your accountant. This registration is to facilitate the submission of the completed Income and Expenditure Template by your Accountant.

**Stage 2**- The portal will be open on or before the 31st of May to accept completed Income and Expenditure report templates.

**26th June 2024** is the Income and Expenditure report submission deadline.

Further information is available on Hive> Resources> Programme Documents> Core Funding documents> Core Funding financial reporting requirement year 1.

Below are links to 2 useful how-to videos.

[DCEDIY Service Provider Guide Core Funding Contractual requirements reporting system \(5 mins\)](#)

[DCEDIY Accountant Guide Core Funding Contractual requirements reporting system \(4 mins\)](#)

### **Core Funding May Review and Confirm**

May Review and Confirm opened on Tuesday 7th May and remains open until Friday 17th May 2024. This process involves services reviewing their service profile and their most recent core funding application to either confirm that no changes have occurred or to submit an application change. This process ensures that core funding payments continue to be paid to partner services.

### **FCCC Core funding support**

If you have any question or need support please contact: Karen Comiskey, Development Officer – Core Funding: Mobile: 0874705806 | Email: [karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie)



### **Pilot Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)**

The new Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) pilot, launched by Minister O Gorman in December last year, will open for Early Years Educators to make applications in May 2024, for the academic year 2024/2025. Those wishing to make an application in May must be working with children in a Tusla registered ELC/SAC service for the last 6 months (before their application). The service must also have a current Core funding contract with the DCEDIY.

From 1st May 2024, applicants with a current application/offer for 2024/25 entry to a Level 7/8-degree course approved by the Qualification Advisory Board (QAB) eligible for NSLF **should email Pobal**, at [NSLF@pobal.ie](mailto:NSLF@pobal.ie) to request a link to the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund Student Portal.

Further information, including the list of approved courses and the application process are available at [gov - Nurturing Skills Learner Fund \(www.gov.ie\)](http://gov-nurturing-skills-learner-fund.gov.ie)



### AIM Level 4,5 & 7 Go Live Dates

Please note that the AIM Level 4, 5 & 7 application process for programme call 2024/25 are now open.

### Important Information

Services are reminded to submit any relevant AIM application at least three months prior to a child's planned start date in ECCE.

A how-to video for AIM Level 5 will be available on the resources page linked below.

Better Start / AIM how-to videos - Service Provider Portal (ncs.gov.ie)

Should you have any queries in relation to the AIM programme, please contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) by raising a Request on Hive using the following categories:

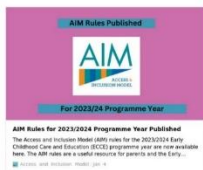
- Programme: (select the AIM level)
- Request type: Application
- Request type detail: How To



Services are reminded to submit AIM Level 4, 5 & 7 applications at least three months prior to a child's planned start date on the ECCE Programme.



**AIM Level 4,5 & 7 Go Live Dates**  
Please note that the AIM Level 4, 5 & 7 application process for programme call 2024/25 will open on 7th May at 11am 2024.



AIM rules and Guidance



Compliance Guidance





### Increase to NCS Subsidy Rate

Please see the below important update for ELC/SAC providers on the increase to the minimum subsidy rate & certain sponsor rates for the National Childcare Scheme (NCS).

### NCS subsidy change

As previously communicated, from 2 September 2024, the minimum rate for NCS subsidies will increase from €1.40 to €2.14.

There will be no change to sponsor rate for children aged 0-52 weeks however, the remaining sponsor rates will have the max rate increased to €5.30 as demonstrated below.

	Current Max Rate	New Max Rate
<b>1 to 2 years</b>	€5.00	€5.30
<b>3+ years</b>	€4.54	€5.30
<b>School Age</b>	€4.31	€5.30

The increase, which was introduced by Minister Roderic O’Gorman as part of Budget 2024 measures, means that if parents are in receipt of a subsidy which is less than the maximum, they will receive a higher subsidy towards their childcare fees.

Awards will be recalculated with this new rate and updated accordingly. This will affect existing claims. Service providers do not need to modify the claim if the hours are remaining the same.

### Identifying affected claims

To assist with identifying which NCS claims in your service have been impacted, a new page called [‘Budget 2024 Claims affected’](#) will be available on the Early Years Hive from 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. This page will be under the NCS section of the Programmes menu on Hive and will display the claims that will change during the uplift process.

Please note that the uplift process may take up to 8 days from next week and not all of the claims will be available on this page from day one.



Dear Service Provider,

**Nurturing Skills Learner Fund**

On 8 December 2023, in line with commitments in Nurturing Skills: The Workforce Plan for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare, 2022-2028 Minister O’Gorman, announced a pilot of a new Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF). The new fund aims to assist early year’s educators to pursue early learning and care (ELC) qualifications that have been approved by the Qualifications Advisory Board (QAB) while continuing to work in the sector.

As of 1 May 2024, Pobal are inviting expressions of interest from early years educators via email to [NSLF@pobal.ie](mailto:NSLF@pobal.ie). Emails will begin to issue on the 3 May 2024 containing a link to register on the NSLF Student Portal to those who have expressed an interest.

It is very important for staff to be made aware of the opening of the expressions of interest date as this new **Fund** aims to assist early years educators to pursue early learning and care (ELC) qualifications.

Detailed information around eligibility, conditions, and rules for the pilot NSLF can be found on [www.gov.ie/NurturingSkillsLearnerFund](http://www.gov.ie/NurturingSkillsLearnerFund).

Regards  
 The Early Years Team

**Consultation on Action Plan for Administrative and Regulatory Simplification for the Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare (ELC/SAC) Sector**

Minister Roderic O’Gorman, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY), will be hosting several consultation events throughout the country to hear the views of a wide range of stakeholders on the Action Plan for Administrative and Regulatory Simplification for the Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare (ELC/SAC) Sector.

The consultation events will take place on the following dates and locations:

City / Town	Location	Date
Cork	Clayton Hotel, Lapps Quay	20 May 2024
Mullingar	Annebrook House Hotel	22 May 2024
Dublin	Morrison Hotel	23 May 2024
Galway	Connaught Hotel	27 May 2024
Kilkenny	Springhill Hotel	30 May 2024
Cavan	Hotel Kilmore	05 June 2024

Open consultation with parents, service providers, parental and provider representative bodies and other key sectoral stakeholders are essential to the development of the Action Plan.

DCEDIY ask that all those interested in attending the events to **RSVP by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024** by email-ing [EYGov@equality.gov.ie](mailto:EYGov@equality.gov.ie), listing names, contact details, and organisation (if applicable), as well as noting their preferred location.

### **Temporary arrangements for students to work in settings during the summer period**

In light of the current staffing pressures in early learning and care (ELC) and school-age childcare (SAC) services, as a temporary measure specifically to help services with short-term staffing shortages over the summer period, the DCEDIY has arranged an accelerated process for assessment of equivalence with the level 5 minimum qualification requirement for students currently enrolled on a recognized level 6, 7 or 8 course. For further details on this please see relevant documentation attached.

[file:///C:/Users/nmckernan/Downloads/Temporary arrangements jobs board and fast track.pdf](file:///C:/Users/nmckernan/Downloads/Temporary%20arrangements%20jobs%20board%20and%20fast%20track.pdf)

<https://www.gov.ie/en/form/d4cb3-student-fast-track-application-form-for-temporary-permission-to-practise/>



### **Better Start Quality Development Service**

Better Start Quality Development Service have recently developed a new promotional video. To access the video click on the following link: <https://www.betterstart.ie/the-quality-development-service/>



### **Annual Early Years Sector Profile (AEYSP).**

Dear Early Learning and Childcare Services,

#### **Updated Service Profile available shortly on the Early Years Hive**

An updated Service Profile will be available on the Early Years Hive shortly.

Below outlines the changes you can expect to see:

#### **New Facility Section**

A new section has been added to the Service Profile to capture and update information in relation to your facility. This section contains new mandatory questions, as well as questions originally included in the Annual Early Years Sector Profile (AEYSP).

Therefore, where possible questions in the facility section will pre-populate with information that was captured when a service completed the 2022/2023 Annual Early Years Sector Profile. All other questions will be blank and will be mandatory for services to complete.

For any service that did not complete the 2022/2023 Annual Early Years Sector Profile, all facility questions will be mandatory to complete.

#### **Updated Staff Section**

**Deputy Manager.** There is now a new option under staff type for services to capture the Deputy Manager(s) within their service.

Where a service has previously captured their Deputy Manager(s) under the Out of Ratio staff type option, these will need to be reviewed and created under the new Deputy Manager staff type. Deputy Manager will no longer be in an option under the Out of Ratio staff type going forward. Where a service has their Deputy Managers listed as Out of Ratio, this Job Title will now appear blank, and services should deactivate these records.

Services should also review their existing staff included on their Service Profile and where a Deputy Manager is listed currently as an In Ratio staff member, they should change them accordingly to reflect their correct staff type of Deputy Manager where applicable.



### Staff Types

Additional changes to the drop-down options under staff type have also been made with Owner-Operator/Sole-Trader being removed and Relief/Cover Staff (Not Assigned to a room) and Student Placement/Volunteer being added.

### Staff Information

There are a number of questions relating to staff, originally included and captured in the Annual Early Years Sector Profile, that will now be captured in the Service Profile. The questions are mandatory, and you are required to review and update for all existing staff members.

**Please note it is the responsibility of the Partner Service to ensure their Service Profile is accurate and up to date.**

There will be a detailed Service Profile guidance document available shortly on the Early Years Hive to provide support for services.

Regards,

The Early Years Team

## Vacancy Survey

A nationwide vacant capacity survey is now taking place through the Childcare Committees. The survey is designed to gain valuable information on where there are vacant places and capacity across the country. The survey (which should take between 5 and 10 minutes of your time) aims to capture two categories of data:

1. Do you currently have any vacant places and in which age categories. (A vacant place means availability five days per week)
2. Are you currently operating at your Tusla registered capacity, and do you expect this to change by September 2024 and if so, why?

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete the survey, even if you are operating at full capacity and have no vacancies, we would appreciate you making a return as we have been asked to get a response from 100% of our service providers. If you have queries about the survey or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

## OECD Starting Strong Teaching and Learning International Survey

Dear Provider,

The 2024 OECD Starting Strong Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS Starting Strong) is **closing soon**. This is your last chance to complete the survey and **voice your opinion on the working conditions and training needs of early years educators**.

The CSO selected a sample of services that is representative of the wider sector to take part in the survey. Those selected to take part will have been contacted by the CSO over the last number of months.

Thank you to all the service providers who returned their listing forms and to all of the managers and educators who have completed the survey so far.

**If you, or any managers and educators in your setting, were asked to complete the survey and you have not already done so, please remember to complete it as soon as possible.** This will be your last opportunity to do so.

As a final step in the process, the CSO will be distributing tracking forms for you to complete to help indicate the level of participation in your setting.



Those selected to participate can access support from the CSO, using the contact details provided below:

Gemma O'Connell Duff: Telephone: (+353) 21 453 5110. Email: [talis@cs0.ie](mailto:talis@cs0.ie)

Further information on TALIS Starting Strong can be found at <https://www.cs0.ie/en/surveys/talisstartingstrong/>

Regards, Early Years Division



Dear Childcare provider,

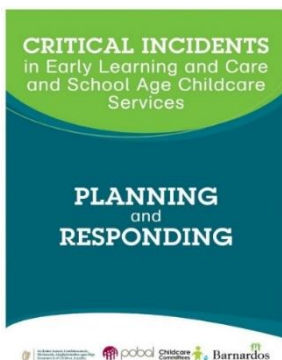
This is a notification that **National Beep Beep Day 2024** will take place on Friday, 11 October, during Irish Road Safety Week.

At a later date, you will receive an additional notification outlining when the online ordering facility will be open. This facility will detail what can be ordered. It is important that childcare providers place their orders for RSA Beep Beep Day packs without delay to have them in time for National Beep Beep Day.

Preschools can order high visibility vests this year as well as Simon and Friends booklets and posters all of which are invaluable when practising basic road safety skills with the children.

Should you have any queries or difficulties, please feel free to email [education@rsa.ie](mailto:education@rsa.ie).

Kind Regards, Regina



### **Critical Incidents in Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Services: Planning and Responding**

All Early Learning and Care (ELC) and school Age Childcare (SAC) services are required to have a service level Critical Incident Plan as outlined in the Tusla Quality and Regulatory Framework (QRF) and the National Quality Guidelines for School Age Childcare Services. A guide has been developed from previous guidance on critical incidents planning, including the Critical Incident Plan Toolkit and the extensive work of the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS), to support ELC and SAC services to think about and plan for critical incidents and to have practical supports in place should it be necessary to respond to a critical incident. [https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Critical\\_Incident\\_Plan\\_English\\_Feb2012.pdf](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Critical_Incident_Plan_English_Feb2012.pdf)



## Viral Infections: HSE Guidance for the ELC Sector

### Guidance

### Measles outbreak

In recent months there has been a rise in cases of measles in parts of the UK and Europe. On 7th February the HSE reported the death of an adult with confirmed measles. This is the first confirmed measles case notified in Ireland in 2024. The HSE is writing to ask for your support in raising awareness among parents, guardians and staff about:

- Watching out for the symptoms of measles
- The importance of the MMR vaccine in protecting children.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/child-health-and-wellbeing/hse-measles-a4-poster.pdf>



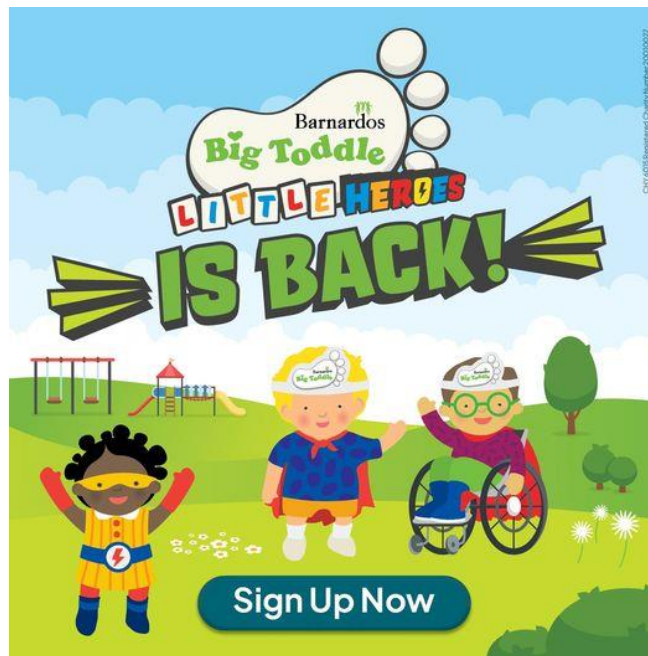
Tusla have published a regulatory notice related Services that are found to be Operating Outside of Registration  
See Link to this notice : [Booklet](#)



If approval is required for the new academic year starting September 2024, please note the timeframes to submit applications to the Early Years Inspectorate:

- New service applications: 1 June 2024
- Change in circumstances applications: 1 July 2024

[change in circumstances](#)



Barnardos are delighted to share the news that registration for this year's Barnardos Big Toddle is now OPEN! Would you like to sign up your childcare setting, creche, preschool or toddler group?

The Barnardos Big Toddle is a fun half-mile sponsored walk for crèche and pre-school aged children. This year we're very proud to be celebrating 21 years of Big Toddle fun and fundraising.

Click here for more details: Big Toddle 2024 – Barnardos <https://www.barnardos.ie/how-you-can-help/fundraising/fundraising-events/big-toddle/>

Once you register, we'll send you out your Big Toddle packs, full of activities and games for everyone.

We look forward to having you support us this year.

Happy Toddling.



## For Childminders

**\*Now full but we have a waiting list so be sure to put your name on this if interested in Attending should there be any cancelations\***



# PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID FOR CHILDMINDERS

FCCC INVITES CHILDMINDERS  
IN THE FINGAL AREA TO  
ATTEND PAEDIATRIC FIRST  
AID ON THURSDAY 30TH MAY  
FROM 6.30-9.30PM

- FREE Training
- Gain a certificate in Paediatric First Aid
- Enter the draw for a free First Aid kit for your childminding Setting
- Meet your CMDO and other Childminders in your area

Venue  
Digital Office Centre  
Balheary Industrial Park  
Balheary Road  
Swords  
Co.Dublin  
Eircode: K67 E5A

Places are limited to  
book your place  
scan the QR code





# MANAGING YOUR TAX FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDMINDERS

Do you find tax returns & bookkeeping stressful ?

Your CCC is here to help!

In collaboration the National Childminding Development team & SM Accounting Solutions have developed bespoke training for childminders free from confusing jargon.



- ✓ **7th May** Accounting Basics 7-9pm
- ✓ **14th May** Financial Records ,Books & Accounts 7-9pm
- ✓ **21st May** Income Taxes 7-9:30pm
- ✓ **28th May** Submitting Your Tax on ROS 7-9:30

Opportunities for Q & A

FREE







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## Are you childminding or thinking of becoming a childminder in Fingal ?

OUR CHILDMINDING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER SARAH MCKENNA IS HERE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ON:

- ✓ Running a childminding business
- ✓ Accessing Grants/Funding
- ✓ Information sessions
- ✓ Networking with other childminders
- ✓ Training for childminders
- ✓ National Action Plan for Childminding

**CONTACT US**

087 -4485558 

sarah@fingalcountychildcare.ie 

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 National Action Plan for Childminding 2021-2028



## For Parents



Dear Parents,

We hope this message finds you well. At National Parents Council, we understand the paramount importance of nurturing your child's positive mental health and wellbeing, especially during the **crucial first five years of life**.

In collaboration with **St Patrick's Mental Health Services**, we are delighted to introduce a program tailored to support parents in fostering their young child's mental health and wellbeing right at home. We're excited to announce that we will be hosting free online webinars during the week of **May 13th**. These sessions will be interactive, allowing you to actively participate and engage with fellow parents.

Dates: **May 13th - March 17th**

Time: **10 am and 7:30 pm sessions available**

Duration: **Approximately 1 hour**

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Secure your spot now for free by registering through this link](#)

### Key Elements of the Program:

- Meeting your child's needs: Understanding how everyday interactions can positively impact your child's mental health.
- Coping with challenges: Helping your child manage emotions and deal with obstacles effectively.
- Nurturing your relationship: Building and strengthening the bond between you and your child.
- Building resilience: Equipping your child with tools to bounce back from setbacks.
- Children's Rights: Empowering your child to lead a mentally healthy life.
- Five Ways to Wellbeing: Practical strategies to promote mental wellbeing in children.

This program is designed to empower parents with valuable insights on supporting their children's mental health through everyday interactions. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and skills in supporting your child's mental health journey.

**Warm Regards,**  
**National Parents Council**



**Remember NCS subsidies are  
not automatically renewed!  
Check out our full Renewal  
Guide at:**

**ncs.gov.ie**

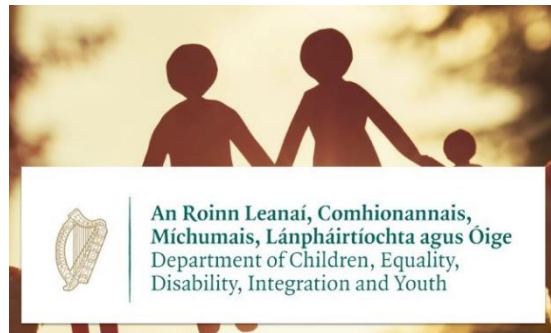


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Remember NCS subsidies are not automatically renewed! Each NCS award has an end date, and you must renew your application before this date, and give the new CHICK to your provider, to keep receiving a subsidy for your child. Check out our full Renewal Guide at: <https://bit.ly/44a1zRy>



Mother Tongues is conducting a survey aimed at parents who are raising bilingual babies and toddlers:  
Click to open survey - [Survey](#)



**ECCE - Frequently Asked Questions for Parents**

Published by [Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth](#)

[FAQ](#)



## Supporting Parents - A New Website from DCEDIY/Ag Tacú le Tuismitheoirí - Suíomh Gréasáin Nua ó DCEDIY

Supporting Parents - A new information and advice resource for all stages of parenthood from DCEDIY. Parenting is rewarding and challenging. But, whatever age your child is and no matter how experienced you are, all parents will benefit from a little support and advice. There's lots of information out there. The Supporting Parents initiative is bringing together trusted, high quality resources in one place, to help you navigate your parenting journey

DCEDIY-Supporting Parents  
Website

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e5a96-supporting-parents-a-national-model-of-parenting-support-services/>

[www.rollercoaster.ie](http://www.rollercoaster.ie)

We've put together this handy guide to make sure you're asking the right questions!



[How to choose an Early Learning Centre and reduce your costs](#)

## FCCC Jobs Board

Fingal CCC have updated their website to include an interactive Jobs Board. This Jobs Board will support early childcare providers to advertise their recruitment needs and to provide parents the opportunity to advertise needs with the aim of linking, early years, childminders, and parents in the Fingal area. The new FCCC Jobs Board facilitates the recruitment of staff into the ELC Sector in Fingal. To advertise a job simply go to our website and click on the jobs board tab. Employers with job vacancies can post a job by clicking on the link above and fill in the required fields. The jobs posted will go live immediately and will be visible on the site for 30 days and will then be archived. **Note - you don't need to set up a log in, just complete the form and click submit.**

## Service Closures

We have been asked what the process is for services, if for whatever reason, you have decided not to reopen or closed within the current programme year. The steps are as follows:

- **Inform FCCC via email to [info@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:info@fingalcountychildcare.ie)**
- **Complete the Cessation of Services form for Tusla – click on the link below.**  
[http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Cessation\\_of\\_Service.pdf](http://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Cessation_of_Service.pdf)
- **Inform Pobal & make any necessary changes to registrations on the HIVE. - Service Closure** If an Approved Provider closes its ELC service, or ceases to provide a DCEDIY childcare programme, notice must be submitted in writing immediately to the local City/County Childcare Committee and the Data Management Team in the Scheme Administrator by raising a service request on the EY HIVE and selecting the Request Programme Type “User Account Management”, then selecting the Category “How to” and the Sub-Category “Closures. FCCC will link in with individual services once the notification has been received.

## Facebook

If you are a Facebook user, or would like to set up a Facebook account, we would be most grateful if you could please ‘Like’ our Fingal County Childcare Committee Facebook page, and please feel free to ‘Share’ it too.

We will post regular updates for ELC/ SAC services and Childminders.

Our Facebook page can be found at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/fingalcountychildcare/>

## Covid Case Advice

### Covid case advice

Please find below links to information from the HPSC concerning Covid-19 and information from the HSE for ELC and SAC providers on preventing the spread of COVID-19 and children returning to ELC and SAC settings. We would be grateful if you shared this information with parents, guardians, and staff. Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE In addition, please find the link to the Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings (2012) For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday or visit the HSE website HSE Covid 19

**Should you have any queries on the above, our contact details are 01- 4851727 or [info@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:info@fingalcountychildcare.ie)**

Kind Regards, Fingal County Childcare Committee.