



**Volume 1 issue 19**

Welcome to our weekly  
bulletin.

These are the deadlines,  
important dates, and  
announcements and new  
resources for the week 13<sup>th</sup> –  
17<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:**

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!](#)

## FCCC Training



Dr Dorothy Armstrong (MSc PhD) is an Occupational Therapist who works with organisations to provide education and training about neurodiversity and the approaches and environmental changes that are necessary for inclusion in work, play and educational settings. Neurodivergence encompasses a wide range of differences including autism, intellectual disability, learning difficulties and ADHD. Dorothy has twenty years of clinical experience working with neurodivergent people.

Date	Venue	Seminar Title	Eventbrite Link to Register
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>2024</b> <b>7pm -</b> <b>8.30pm</b>	Online via Zoom – Zoom invite will be sent a day before to all attendees registered.	<b>A talk for            Parents:</b> Difficulty processing sensory information during early childhood - Feeling overwhelmed, overloaded & not being understood.	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/difficulty-processing-sensory-information-during-early-childhood-tickets-905942908627">https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/difficulty-processing-sensory-information-during-early-childhood-tickets-905942908627</a>



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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  
centre swords

Time 9.30-3.30

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.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FINGAL AREA</b> <b>(Register on Eventbrite to attend)</b>
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.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>FINGAL AREA</b>  (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](#)



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# 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**

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## DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Core Funding May Review and Confirm deadline (*please see below*).

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

Early Years Annual Sector Profile closes

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

DMCG deadline for completed applications (please see detail below)

#### **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 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 **Today -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)



### Hive Announcement – 17 May 2024 - AIM Review and Confirm Now Open

The issues identified last week, which affected the new AIM Review and Confirm (former second year extension) process, have been resolved.

Services may now complete their AIM Review and Confirm as normal. Services who have a Review & Confirm already submitted will be updated through their application.

Please refer to the AIM Hive Guides to support you with the submission of your AIM applications and completion of the new AIM Review & Confirm process.

### Help & Support

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



## Annual Early Years Sector Profile

The Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2023/24 survey is currently available on the Early Years Hive. The survey will remain open until **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024** and can be accessed through the Early Years Hive at this [link](#). [Guidelines](#) are also available on the Early Years Hive.

All services are encouraged to complete the survey; however, it is **mandatory** for all existing Core Funding Partner Services. **Services are required to update their Service Profile before commencing the 2023/24 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey. Information and guidance on changes to the Service Profile can be accessed [here](#)**



## Pilot Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)

The new Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) pilot is open for Early Years Educators to make applications for the academic year 2024/2025. Those wishing to make an application 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Please see attached document and for 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)

### **Nurturing Skills Learner Fund Training**

Pobal are hosting training on the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) Student Applications training. The sessions will be held on Thursday 23 May.

As part of this training, the following will be demonstrated:

- Signing into the NSLF portal
- Checking the status of your Employment Record
- Completing the Student Application
- Various status types of the Student Application

The links to register with GoTo Webinar are as follows:

### **Nurturing Skills Learner Fund Student Applications SP1**

**Thursday 23 May 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5969053353389570394>

### **Nurturing Skills Learner Fund Student Applications SP2**

**Thursday 23 May 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/938060879128442208>

A recording of one of the webinars will be made available on the Early Years Hive along with the PowerPoint slides once the training has been completed.

### 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

### Identifying affected claims

To assist with identifying which NCS claims in your service have been impacted, a new page called '[Budget 2024 Claims affected](#)' is available on the Early Years Hive. 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.

[FAQ](#)



### 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](https://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

**Important Information**

**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**



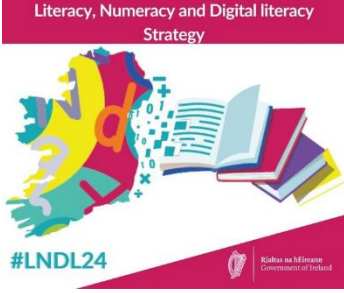
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**Temporary arrangements for students to work in settings during the summer period.**

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/>



## Ireland's Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Strategy 2024-2033: Every Learner from Birth to Young Adulthood.

Ireland's Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy Strategy 2024-2033: Every Learner from Birth to Young Adulthood and a supporting five-year implementation plan was launched this week. Please see full press release below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/09cbf-ministers-foley-and-minister-ogorman-launch-irelands-literacy-numeracy-and-digital-literacy-strategy-2024-2033/>



### Better Start Quality Development Service

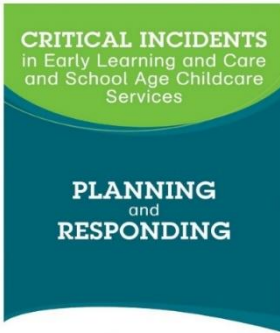
Better Start Quality Development Service have recently developed a new promotional video. To access the video click on the following link: <https://www.betterstart.ie/the-quality-development-service/>

## 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.



## **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



In an early years setting, a key person approach is when a child is assigned a particular educator who will act as their go-to person as well as acting as the link between the service and the child's parents.

- Aistear Síolta Key Person Approach tip sheet

<https://www.aistearsiolta.ie/.../using-a-key-person...>

- Barnardos Key Person Approach - Positive Relationships with Children in the Early Years

<https://knowledge.barnardos.ie/.../25d9a3bc-7353.../content>



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 in September, 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



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[change in circumstances](#)

**For Childminders**





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National Action Plan  
for Childminding  
2021-2028

# Childminding Development Grant 2024 On-line Information session Wednesday 22nd May: 7pm - 8pm



Open to all  
potential and  
existing  
childminders

75 % paid in  
advance  
25 % paid in  
arrears

Grant of up to  
€1,000  
for Toys, Outdoor Areas,  
Childcare Safety  
Equipment,  
IT equipment

Contact

[sarah@fingalcountychildcare.ie](mailto:sarah@fingalcountychildcare.ie)

Now open for applications !

\*Terms and conditions apply



**\*Note – you can apply for this even if you received the grant last year\***



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**\*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\***



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# 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



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# 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





## 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

Scan the QR code to join our mailing list



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## For Parents

**Applying for the NCS for the first time and need help completing your application form?**

**Find our Application Guide at:**

**ncs.gov.ie**



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Applying for the NCS for the first time and need help completing your application form? Check out our Application Guide at: <https://bit.ly/3QezDGA>

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

**ncs.gov.ie**

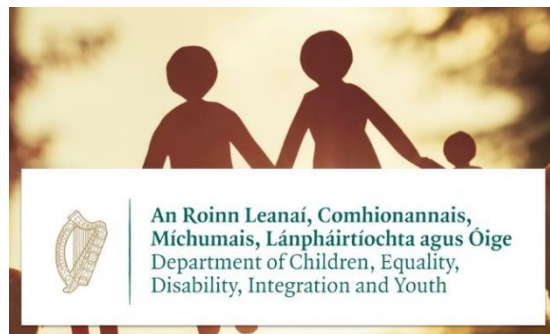


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Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth

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](#)

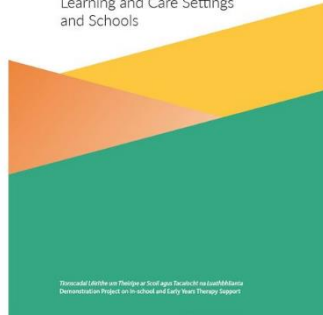


### Supporting Parents - A New Website from DCEDIY/Ag Tacú le Tuismitheoirí - Suíomh Gréasáin Nua ó DCEDIY

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

**Preparing Young Children  
for Primary School**

A Resource for Parents, Early  
Learning and Care Settings  
and Schools



**Booklet**

**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.