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Dear Early Years & School Age Childcare Services,

We hope that you, your family, and staff are keeping well. All FCCC staff are available via phone & email (Please see below).

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DCYA notice on Parental Declarations – 18th September

Dear Service Provider

For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Children and Youth Affairs will accept confirmation of the acceptance of the ECCE, NCS, TEC Savers and CCSP Savers 'Parental Declarations' by the relevant parent either by email or by hard copy. This is the written agreement between the parent and the Service Provider.

Parents should be given the option of physically signing the agreement or agreeing to it by email. Parents who wish to avail of the email option should:

- be advised that in regard to data protection, the email is a less secure option as you have to share personal data with them over the internet via the email
- be asked to reconfirm the appropriate email address to use,

The Service Provider should ensure that the correct Parental Declaration issues via the appropriate email address to the appropriate family. Providers are reminded that they agree to only process Shared Personal Data for the implementation of the relevant DCYA childcare programme.

Parents opting for the email option should be asked to respond to your Parental Declaration email and it should be clear from the email chain that the parents agree to what is set out in their Parental Declaration document. Please see below for instruction on how to email the Parental Declaration.

ECCE – You will have the option to print a Parental Declaration form for each ECCE registration on the Early Years Hive. At this point, choose to save the file on your desktop. This can then be emailed to the parent.

NCS – there is no automated parental agreement available for NCS. Please see this [guide](#) on how to create such an agreement. Once you have your template, you can email it to the parent. Please note that a signed copy of the Parental Agreement is required by legislation for NCS.

TEC Savers and CCSP Saver - You will have the option to print a Parental Declaration form for each TEC Saver and CCSP Saver registration on the PIP Portal. At this point, choose to save the file on your desktop. This can then be emailed to the parent.

Thank you,
Early Years Team

Suspension of the 4 Week Attendance Rule for Savers in the 2020/2021 CCSP Saver Programme – 16th September 2020

The Department of Children, has suspended the CCSP Saver Programme rule where an eligible Saver must be in attendance at a Tusla registered service within 4 weeks of the service opening. DCYA will now allow an eligible Saver to maintain their saver status if in attendance and registered on PIP before the close of current programme year i.e. up to and including Friday 13th August 2021 in order. The CCSP Saver Programme rules document will be amended to reflect this important change.

As in previous programme years the registration will apply from the date the child first attends the service, it will not be backdated to the beginning of the programme year. Registrations can only be made on PIP during Saver Management Windows.

An eligible Saver is a child who was a beneficiary of the CCSP programme on the 15th November 2019, prior to the launch of the National Childcare Scheme subject to the normal age rules of the CCSP programme.

It is important to note this is not a re-opening of the CCSP programme to new entrants.

AIM Level 1 – Inclusion Co-ordinator (LINC) Application Process Open for ‘New Graduates’ – 16th September 2020

Dear Service Provider

The application process for the increased ECCE capitation, funded by DCYA, in recognition of the leadership and mentoring role that will be delivered by the Inclusion Co-ordinator, during the 2020/2021 pre-school year is now open to **new graduates**.

To apply, a service provider must be **or** employ a graduate from the Leadership for Inclusion (LINC) in Early Years Programme who has agreed to take on the **role and responsibilities of an Inclusion Co-ordinator** in their pre-school setting. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](#). **Please ensure you attach all pages of the signed Inclusion Co-ordinator Declaration with your application.**

Applications must be submitted electronically via the **Early Years Hive** system. Prior to applying for AIM Level 1, service providers **must** ensure that they have completed their ECCE programme readiness process.

Any application received by 31st October 2020 will be provided the additional capitation to the beginning of the programme year. Applicants are encouraged to apply early as any applications received after this date will not be backdated.

If you require any additional information, please contact eypc@pobal.ie.

Thank you
Early Years Team

Higher Capitation Information Update - 15th September 2020

Dear Service Provider,

The DCYA and Pobal have agreed the following measures to support providers whose applications for Higher Capitation in Programme Year 2020/2021 have not yet been approved:

Higher Capitation Preliminary Payments
Preliminary Payments to ELC Providers IN RECEIPT of Higher Capitation in 2019/2020

A second preliminary payment will be made on 18th September to providers who have applied and have not yet been approved for Higher Capitation and who were in receipt of the first preliminary payment. The second preliminary payment will be for a four-week period that will take providers to 16/10/2020.

Any ELC Provider in receipt of Higher Capitation in 2019/2020 but who has not yet applied for 2020/21 and who received first preliminary payment will retain this until 16/10/2020.

All ELC Providers are encouraged to apply for HC as soon as possible.

A list of common queries is available here for your review. For any Higher Capitation application queries please contact highercap@pobal.ie

Qualifications

Proof of qualification eligibility must be submitted for each relevant staff member present in a Higher Capitation session. Prior to submitting an application, a service provider should ensure that staff members' qualifications are eligible, by verifying these on DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications' list.

If the qualification is not included on this list, the staff member should contact DCYA via email address eyqualifications@dcya.gov.ie to apply for qualification recognition.

Please see DCYA website <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/297c05-early-years-recognised-qualifications/?referrer=/cat/en/childcare/2210.htm/> for the application form and the documentation required by DCYA.

Please be advised that statements of results attached as qualification proof for staff members of Higher Capitation sessions, are only accepted when:

- QQI Level 5 and 6 qualifications are provided.
- The award is clearly confirmed
- Final results are confirmed (not provisional). If the statement of results is not clear on whether the award has been successfully completed, then further information should be requested to confirm (i.e. an official letter from the course provider). If an applicant is unable to confirm, they will have to apply for qualifications recognition.

Kind regards,

Early Years Team

Early Years Hive improvements – 11th September

Dear Service Provider,

We are always looking for ways to improve the user experience for Service Providers on the Early Years. We are happy to highlight the two below improvements that were recently made to the portal.

Resources menu

The Resources menu on the Hive has been updated to better incorporate ECCE. The existing Programme Information, Quick Guides, and FAQs pages all now have both an NCS and ECCE option when clicked through to.

A new page has also been created on the Resources menu called Downloads. All the documents and guides that you have been accessing via Useful Links are now available under the ECCE section of this page. We will keep the documents on Useful Links for a period until providers are familiar with the new pages.

Announcements page

The announcements page on the Hive has been reorganised. Announcements are now presented in a list structure which will make searching for announcements much easier.

To open an announcement, just click on the yellow arrow on the right-hand side on the list entry and select 'View'. Once an announcement is viewed by the service's PAU, it will be marked as viewed.

We would advise that you regularly check this page for new updates.

Thank you
Early Years Team

Important Updates for NCS and AIM Level 1 Reminder – 4th September

Dear Service Provider,

Please note the below important updates for NCS and AIM Level 1.

NCS: Change in Hours Available to Parents from 7 September 2020

As previously announced, the maximum number of subsidised hours available under NCS will increase from 40 to 45 hours per week as of Monday, 7 September.

For new awards, these hours will already be reflected in the award and there will be no change to the CHICK registration process.

For existing awards, the hours will be added onto the award on 7 September which will create a new segment with the new hours. Applicants will receive a notification on their portal when this has been applied.

For applicants who wish to use the additional hours, and where the additional hours are agreed between the provider and the applicant, Service Providers will be required to amend the existing registration.

Guidance on how to amend an NCS registration can be found under the 'Amending Registrations' Quick Guide on the Early Years Hive.

NCS: Submit Service Calendars for 2020 and 2021

All service providers contracted to NCS should have two active service calendars on their Early Years Hive; one for the current programme year and one for the following programme year.

Service calendars are submitted for each programme year i.e. August to August. A parent can be awarded a 52-week award at any time, e.g. it would run from September 2020 until September 2021. In this case, their chosen provider would be required to have an active service calendar for the 2021/22 programme year to cover the entire award.

As such, you must submit both an NCS 2020 service calendar and an NCS 2021 service calendar. If you are unsure as to what your opening hours will in the next programme year, please replicate your 2020 hours. You will be able to amend this calendar at a later date.

Please see the Service Calendar Quick Guide of the Early Years Hive for more information on how to add a service calendar. There you'll find a clear PDF action sheet outlining the steps involved as well a short training video.

AIM Level 1: Reminder

Please note that if you are submitting an application for AIM Level 1 on the Early Years Hive, you must ensure that you attach all pages of the declaration.

Thank you,
Early Years Team

Sponsor Referrals on NCS - Information for Providers – 2nd September

Dear Service Provider,

This is a reminder of the Sponsor process under NCS. NCS makes special arrangements for vulnerable children and families, a referral is required from a sponsor body for this. The following designated statutory bodies may make referrals for childcare support under NCS:

Minister for Education and Skills

Minister for Justice and Equality

Child and Family Agency

HSE

Local authorities / Homeless agencies

Each Sponsor Body has its own eligibility criteria, and its own referral form, which sets out those criteria. The Sponsor decides if a particular child is eligible; eligibility may include age rules (e.g. HSE only refer children under 4 years). The Sponsor Referral Officer will have the relevant referral form and will link with the family to complete the form, which then must be signed and stamped by the Sponsor.

Sponsors decide on the number of hours and weeks the Subsidy will cover, up to a max of 45 hours (from 7th September, 2020) and usually up to 52 weeks.

The Sponsor process:

Referrals are posted to us. They may be marked 'Urgent' and these will be prioritised: the CHICK will issue by email and also by phone.

We receive the referral and it is converted to a Sponsor Application on the system.

The CHICK notification is emailed to the Sponsor contact (Local Authority/Homeless Agency, HSE, Tusla) or to the parent (in the case of DJE and DES referrals).

The Sponsor shares the CHICK with the parent.

The parent brings the CHICK to the Provider to set up the claim for the child.

A flat rate is paid by DCYA to the Provider.

Parents do not pay fees where the child has a Sponsor subsidy. Attendance rules for Sponsored children take into account this vulnerable cohort (see Chapter 14 of the NCS Policy Guidelines for details).

Training has been rolled out for the Sponsor Bodies and is available on an ongoing basis.

Children who were referred under CCSP by Tusla or HSE or as a CCSRT may now seek a Sponsor Referral under NCS. Any provider or parent who requires support to access the NCS Sponsor Process can contact the Parent Support Centre by phone at 01 906 8530 or the Early Years Provider Centre by email at EYPC@pobal.ie or by phone at 01 511 7222. They will provide support and a contact in the relevant organisation. Any child who is eligible will be able to be sponsored.

There is also a 'Sponsor Referral' FAQ available on the Early Years Hive - <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/faq/>

Early Years Team

Changes to HSE Covid-19 Assessment Testing and Management Pathway Documents

Changes advised by the HSE of some changes to their assessment testing and management pathway documents.

The changes are:

- The self-isolation period for cases of COVID-19 has now changed from 14 days to a minimum of 10 days, the last 5 of which should be free of fever
- Nasal swabs are now listed as an acceptable specimen type for use when testing children
- For the households of all patients (adults and children) with symptoms who are being tested for COVID-19, the whole household must restrict movements until the results of the test are known
- For those aged over 13 years who have some respiratory tract infection symptoms but who do not fit the criteria for testing for COVID-19, patients are now advised to stay at home and self-isolate for a minimum of 48 hours from the resolution of symptoms. (This is a reduction from the 14 days in the previous version)
- If a child with COVID-19 cannot be isolated at home and there is an ongoing exposure risk, household contacts should restrict movements for 17 days from the onset of symptoms in the case (or date of test if the confirmed case was asymptomatic).

The updated pathways are attached, and are also available on the HPSC website at <https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/algorithms/>.

Guidance for the Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) sector will be amended, as required, to reflect the changes outlined above.

Please also be aware that the Department continues to engage with the HSE and the Department of Education and Skills to ensure that the approaches to management of Covid-19 in the Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) sector are aligned to that of the schools. There is currently no automatic rapid testing in place for either sector. Local public health departments will decide on a case by case basis how testing should be conducted.

HSE's Isolation Quick Guide

The HSE has recently published an Isolation Quick Guide, for use by parents, schools and childcare services for assessing symptoms of COVID-19 in children and when they should restrict movements or whether they should be isolated, as well as family members. We feel that this will be an invaluable resource for our members, and along with the Decisions Pathway will offer a lot of clarity to members, staff and parents alike. You can find the Isolation Quick Guide following the below link.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/az/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/childcareguidance/Isolation%20quick%20guide.pdf>

CCSP & TEC Savers Management Window

The Savers Management Window for CCSP 2019 and TEC 2019 was re-opened to allow service providers to make necessary amendments to existing registrations.

It will remain open until **9th November 2020**.

We would encourage you to make any amendments to registrations as soon as instructed to do so to ensure compliance with scheme rules.

2020/2021 Saver Management Windows

The Saver Management Windows for CCSP and TEC 2020/21 Programme year is open until **9th November 2020.**

TEC Savers

It has been brought to our attention that CETS letter's of eligibility for CETS Saver places must state that the course the parent is on is a continuation of the course they were on last year i.e Year 2. If the letter does not state that it is year 2 then the CCC will contact the college to confirm this before approving or declining a registration through PIP. If the parent is no longer eligible for CETS then they will have to apply for childcare assistance through NCS.

NCS

- The Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection are resuming appointments to verify MyGovID accounts.

Please contact your nearest Intreo Centre if you need to arrange an appointment.

The fastest way to access the National Childcare Scheme is online using a verified MyGovID account.

Visit www.ncs.gov.ie for more information.



- **Service provider-parent agreement**

FCCC have received phone calls & emails from services regarding what documentation is required to give parents accessing NCS.

Please see below regarding the 'Service provider-parent agreement'.

It is mandatory for a service provider to have a written contract or agreement in place with every parent under the National Childcare Scheme. This agreement is a requirement under the Childcare Support Act 2018 and under the terms of the National Childcare Scheme Funding Agreement between the Minister and the service provider.

Once the CHICK has been presented and childcare hours have been agreed, this contract must be physically signed and dated on the same day by both the service provider and the parent and both should retain a copy. The provider must also keep and store the contracts in an accessible format on-site.

The sample agreement is available on the HIVE <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/programme-information/>

Learner Fund Graduate Bursary and Learner Fund Childminding Bursary 2020

Fingal County Childcare Committee on behalf of DCYA are pleased to announce that a new round of the Learner Fund Bursary has commenced on the 14th September 2020.

The Learner Fund Bursary is open to all new graduates of a recognised Early Childhood Education and Care degree programme. Dublin City Childcare Committees (CCC) will process and appraise Learner Fund Bursary applications.

The following rules apply to the Graduate Bursary:

The qualification for which the bursary is paid must be either:

- a. On the DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications list and indicated as meeting the qualification requirements for room leader – higher capitation.
- Or**
- b. The applicant must hold a letter of eligibility to practice from DCYA which states that the qualification meets the standard for the higher capitation rate.

- The award must be placed at level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2014 – 2020.

- The qualification achieved must be a full major award as the Bursary will not be paid for partially completed awards.

- In the case of Childminders, the award must be placed at Level 5/6 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2014 to 2020 inclusive.

- The bursary amount will be €750.

To request a copy of the eligibility criteria and Bursary Application Form to apply for the Graduate or Childminder Learner Fund Bursary 2020, please email linda@fingalcountychildcare.ie to request a copy.

If you would like to speak with a member of our team to discuss your eligibility email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie or phone (01) 4851727.

Deadline for submission of applications for Learner Fund is 23rd October 2020 at 5pm

ECCE Fees Lists

As per the PIP Announcement Monday 21st September (see below), FCCC Development Officers will be in contact with service providers within their geographic area shortly regarding checking of ECCE Fee's Lists. Only services that are been checked will receive communication from FCCC.

Dear Service Providers,

Your local City and County Childcare Committee officials may be in touch with you shortly regarding the checking of your service's ECCE Fees Lists. The Department of Children and Youth Affairs requests that you engage with them accordingly.

As you know, every year approximately 40% of Fees Lists submitted are checked for compliance against ECCE rules. The process this year is a little different and is as follows:

- 1. The selected Service Provider sends a screenshot copy of their Fees List to their local CCC official for checking.**
- 2. The CCC official reviews the list and then liaises with the Service Provider to support and advise them if amendments are required.**
- 3. The Service Provider amends their Fees List on the Hive and sends their local CCC official a screenshot of the amendments.**

Child Protection

Children First Child Protection revision webinar

This webinar was developed to highlight the key elements of the face-to-face Always Children First Foundation training. Its purpose is to serve as an interim revision resource for Early Years practitioners.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH_7yLe1ZPI&feature=youtu.be

Workforce Development Plan

On Wednesday 19 August, 2020 the Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, Roderic O'Gorman TD, announced a new programme of consultation on the future early learning and care and school-age childcare workforce and a future funding model for the sector.

In line with commitments in the First 5 strategy and commitments set out in the Programme for Government, the process to develop a Workforce Development Plan and to develop a new Funding Model commenced in 2019.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, original consultation plans, which included large county level or regional gatherings of providers, practitioners and parents were cancelled. However both the Funding Model Expert Group, and the Workforce Development Plan Steering Group and

Stakeholder Group, remain committed to ensuring that their work is informed by the views of parents, providers, staff and other stakeholders within the sector. To this end, a new programme of consultation has been scheduled for the coming months.

Separate calls for submissions on the Workforce Development Plan and the new Funding Model are now open. All interested parties are invited to submit to each call using the links provided below. The closing date for submissions is 2 October 2020.

- Workforce Development Plan (English): <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Workforcedevelopment>
- Workforce Development Plan (Irish): <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/bPleanforbartha>
- Funding Model (English): <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Fundingmodel>
- Funding Model (Irish): <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/Chistiuaamachanseo>

Inspectorate of the Department of Education and Skills

The **Inspectorate of the Department of Education and Skills** have designed a series of short webinars to share the findings, ideas and examples of effective practice that have been gathered during inspection visits to thousands of diverse early years education settings across Ireland since 2016. Please visit the First5 webpage to register and complete the training, link below.

<https://first5.gov.ie/practitioners/continuing-professional-development>

Barnardos Resources

- Barnardos have created a very useful PDF with guidance for parent's on supporting their children's return

to Early Learning and Care which can be downloaded, see link below.

<https://www.barnardos.ie/media/7863/supporting-your-child-on-their-return-to-early-learning-and-care-final.pdf>

- New Free eBook from Barnardos -

Guidance for Childminders: Partnership with Parents

This resource supports childminders to develop open and honest partnerships with parents to work together in the best interests of the child.

https://shop.barnardos.ie/products/guidance-for-childminders-partnership-with-parents?mc_cid=8e3308c89c&mc_eid=c039d3d848



Childminding

The team at Fingal County Childcare Committee recognise that childminders play a central role in provision of both early learning and care and school-age childcare in Fingal and are committed to supporting childminders. The Development team in Fingal CCC deliver professional development training, mentoring and information on quality practice.

If you are a childminder, thinking of becoming a childminder or require any support or advice in relation to your childminding service you can contact the development team at Fingal CCC by calling our main office on (01) 4851727 or the development officer in your area:

- Mairéad Tucker, Lead Development Officer Swords and Surrounding Areas
Ph: 087 7477553 Email: mairead@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Jacinta Cooke, Development Officer, Balbriggan and Surrounding Areas
Ph: 087-7722228 or email jacinta@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Nicola McKernan, Development Officer, Dublin 15, and Surrounding Areas
Ph: 087 6025263 or email nicola@fingalcountychildcare.ie

Childminding Reopening Grant

The spend period for the Childminding Reopening Grant has been extended for 2 additional weeks until 30th October 2020.



National Beep Beep Day 2020 will take place on Friday, 09 October, during Irish Road Safety Week.

Orders for Beep Beep packs will only be accepted on the RSA website via this link: <https://bit.ly/2GdHe71>

Providers have the option to request the following materials in their pack:

Beep Beep Day High vis vests (**Sizes:** 2-4 year old and 4-6 year old)
Beep Beep Day Poster
Simon and Friends Parent's Guide

There is limited stock available across all items so providers should order now to avoid disappointment and to ensure they have their packs delivered to them in time.

Should you have any queries or difficulties, please feel free to email education@rsa.ie .

Provider Showcase

Dear Childcare Provider,

The DCYA would like to continue to support providers and to showcase providers in relation to any changes/developments made to their service in respond to COVID-19 restrictions.

On the First 5 reopening page under the practice support section there are two case studies from services. <https://first5.gov.ie/practitioners/reopening> The Department would like to expand this section and would appreciate your assistance in gathering other examples.

We would like the following:

- Case studies, in particular, from sessional or school-age childcare services or new services opened during COVID restrictions
- Images of changes/developments, to be included in a DCYA slideshow
- Video diaries

Please obtain consent for sharing of images/recordings/case studies with DCYA and consent for inclusion on DCYA website/social media. Please note that if children are visible in any images/recording the attached consent form will need to be completed.

Please submit details of service – name, service type and location with any example.

It is important to highlight to service providers that not all submissions may be included due to volume however the aim is that where possible they will.

Please submit examples to eimear.carron@dcya.gov.ie

Launch of National Quality Guidelines for School-Age Childcare Services

On Thursday 24th September, Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., launched the National Quality Guidelines for School-Age Childcare Services.

The National Quality Guidelines describe the features of good quality practice in childcare services for school-age children, including both after-school and holiday childcare services. The National Quality Guidelines will be an important resource for the diverse range of services that provide school-age childcare in Ireland today.

This publication is the output of a Working Group set up by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs in line with the first action identified in the Action Plan for School Age Childcare (2017). The Working Group brought together stakeholders and experts in school-age childcare, who worked intensively over an extended period to develop the Guidelines.

These National Quality Guidelines will assist, guide and inspire school-age childcare services to reach beyond the minimum standards set out in regulations. The Guidelines give central importance to children’s rights, child protection and welfare, equality and diversity, and environmentalism.

Plans for the roll-out, and training in the use, of the National Quality Guidelines will be announced over the coming months. Please see link below to the [National Quality Guidelines for School-Age Childcare Services](#).

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b66c5-national-quality-guidelines-for-school-age-childcare-services-guidelines-components-and-elements-september-2020/>

Minister O’Gorman also published a report on the public consultation that took place to inform the development of comprehensive regulations and quality standards for school-age childcare. The process included an opportunity for public input into an earlier draft of the quality guidelines. Please see below link to this report below.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a7195-development-of-school-age-childcare-sac-comprehensive-regulations-and-quality-standards-report-on-the-findings-of-the-public-consultation-july-2020/>

Procedure for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19.

The DCYA has requested the FCCC to report any suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 within services locally. If your childcare service has a suspected or confirmed case can you, please let us know at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to remind all services that there is useful information on the First Five website in relation to infection prevention and control guidance including what to do in the event of suspected symptoms or an outbreak of Covid 19 within a service.

<https://first5.gov.ie/userfiles/files/download/035ced0228b46a3d.pdf>



FINGAL COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE – WEBSITE

FCCC website is updated daily with a broad range of information that is relevant to the early years and school age sectors in Fingal. Under LATEST NEWS you will find DCYA Updates, PIP Announcements, On-line Training, Information for parents and other topics that FCCC believes would be of interest to you, your staff, and your parents.

It is of particular importance is that providers regularly read and understand the most up to date FAQ's and PIP Announcements and if clarifications are required please contact FCCC at (01) 4851727 or contact a staff member from the list on Page 1 above.