



Newsletter

Fingal County Childcare Committee

January 2021

Volume 31, Number 31

In This Issue

- *FCCC Staff Contact Details*
- *New Funding Arrangements for EYC & SAC 1st February to 5 March.*
- *Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Capital Programme 2021*

- *FCCC Jobs Board Pip Announcements*
 - *Programme payments update*

- *Hive announcement page*
- *Service provider-parent agreement*
- *Sponsor Referrals on NCS - Information for Providers*
- *FCCC child-minding information & updates*
- *HSE Childcare facilities phone line*

FCCC staff are available via phone & email (Please see below).

- **Colette Redmond, Office Administrator**

Ph: 087- 7844805 or email colette@fingalcountychildcare.ie

- **Gina Daly, Programme Information Officer**

Ph: 087-1972084 or email gina@fingalcountychildcare.ie

- **Mairead 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

- **Sarah McKenna, Regional Childminding Development Officer (CMDO)**

Ph: 087-4485558 or email sarah@fingalcountychildcare.ie

- **Helen Campbell, Finance & Office Manager**

Ph: 087 9053890 or email helen@fingalcountychildcare.ie

- **Linda Sammon, Finance Officer**

Ph: 087-7882688 or email linda@fingalcountychildcare.ie

- *FCCC Procedure for a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19.*
- *FIRST 5 Guidance during COVID-19*
- *Update on PHECC Responder level recertification*
- *Child Protection COSAINT LEANAÍ - NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME*
- *ECI Information GARDA VETTING*
- *Barnardos updates*
- *FCCC Website*

New Funding Arrangements for EYC & SAC 1st February to 5 March.

Please read the following notice from DCEDIY – Wednesday 27th January 2021

Dear Provider,

We are writing to inform you of new funding arrangements for early learning and childcare services from 1 February to 5 March.

Following Cabinet approval yesterday (26 January) for the continuation of additional measures under full Level 5 restrictions, the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Roderic O’Gorman, T.D., has announced new funding measures to support the early learning and childcare sector up to 5th March.

The Minister has also confirmed that the pre-school (ECCE) Programme will continue to be suspended during these extended restrictions. Other early learning and childcare services can remain open for children whose parents work in an essential service and for vulnerable children.

The new funding arrangements are as follows:

- Services open during this period will continue to receive 70% of the value of ECCE Programme funding and 100% of funding provided under other Department schemes (i.e. the National Childcare Scheme (NCS), the Community Childcare Subvention Plus (CCSP), and the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM)) These services can also receive the additional 30% of the value of ECCE Programme funding if they commit to certain conditions that includes waiving fees for parents not using the service and retaining staff where possible.
- Services closed during this period, where the closure is approved by the Department, will receive 70% of the value of ECCE Programme funding and 100% of funding provided under other Department schemes (i.e., NCS, CCSP, and AIM). This funding will be conditional on a commitment to waive fees for parents and retain staff where possible.
- A newly designed Covid-19 Support Payment is being put in place to support some providers with a significant reliance on parental fee income to waive fees during this period while remaining sustainable.

Central to the funding arrangements is the enhanced EWSS, which early learning and childcare providers continue to be eligible to access without having to demonstrate reduction in turnover as other employers do. The enhanced EWSS is estimated to cover 80% of payroll costs or 50% of full operating costs of these services.

In designing these funding supports, Minister O’Gorman engaged with the Early Learning and Childcare COVID-19 Advisory Group.

These funding arrangements will apply up to 5th March in line with the Government’s announcement and reflect the unique challenges and demands facing the sector.

The funding arrangements described below is designed to ensure that the significant public money which is being invested in services at this time is structured in a fair and balanced way.

Central to these funding arrangements is the enhanced Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme, which early learning and childcare providers continue to be eligible to access, without having to demonstrate reduction in turnover as other employers do.

All providers are encouraged to avail of this scheme which significantly contributes to payroll costs, covering at least 80% of average wage costs in most instances.

i. **Open Services** (Non-ECCE only, for children whose parents are essential workers and vulnerable children)

Standard funding: Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS).
+ 70% of the value of ECCE funding
+ 100% of NCS, CCSP, TEC, AIM funding

Enhanced funding: Remaining 30% of the value of ECCE funding.
+ Covid-19 Support Payment (CSP)*
* for services with high degrees of reliance on parental fees

Enhanced funding is conditional on commitments to waive fees for non-participating children; hold children's places; retain staff.

ii. **Closed Services, DCEDIY-approved closure** (i.e., ECCE only or closed due to Force Majeure)

Standard funding: EWSS

Enhanced funding: + 70% of the value of ECCE funding
+ 100% funding NCS, CCSP, TEC and AIM.
+ Covid-19 Support Payment (CSP)*
*for services with high degrees of reliance on parental fees

Enhanced funding is conditional on commitments to waive all fees; hold children's places; retain staff; engage with ECCE children not attending the service.

iii. **Closed Services, HSE-directed on public health grounds.**

Standard funding: Employment Wage Subsidy Scheme (EWSS).
+ 70% of the value of ECCE funding
+ 100% of NCS, CCSP, TEC, AIM funding

Enhanced funding:

Remaining 30% of the value of ECCE funding.

+ Covid-19 Support Payment (CSP)*

* for services with high degrees of reliance on parental fees

Enhanced funding is conditional on commitments to waive all fees; hold children's places; retain staff.

iv. Closed Services not DCEDIY-approved or HSE-directed.

Standard funding:EWSS

Early Learning and Care and School Age Childcare Capital Programme 2021**Pip/hive Announcement 28/01/2021**

The Department of Children Equality Diversity Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2021 Capital Programme.

Applications will be open from January 29th - February 19th, 2021. Applications cannot be submitted outside this application window. All applications must be submitted on the HIVE.

There is €8.3 million in funding available under this grant to support childcare services to become compliant with Fire Safety Regulations and Standards.

Applications are open for amounts between €1000 and €10,000 to contribute to the costs of works or the purchase of equipment required by a service to receive a Fire Safety Certificate. This certificate is a mandatory requirement of the statutory regulation process undertaken by Tusla, the independent regulator of the sector.

To be eligible for funding, works must be identified as being required in a fire safety assessment report which has been completed since June 2019 by a competent person. The fire safety assessment must be provided with the application for funding.

The eligible competent persons are as follows:

- A Registered Architect
- A Building surveyor
- An Engineer.

If you do not have a Fire Safety Certificate and intend to apply for a grant under the 2021 Capital Programme, please ensure that you have obtained a fire safety assessment before the closing date of the application window or your application will not be eligible.

The fire safety assessment may be dated at any time after 1 June 2019 – although, if material works have been carried out in your service since the fire safety assessment was obtained, you will have to provide an updated assessment.

For further information on the Programme rules and how to apply for this grant please read the Applicant Guidelines and the Technical Guidelines that are available on PIP/NCS Hive

FCCC Jobs Board

DCEDIY are very aware that retention and recruitment issues have been raised by the sector for over a sustained period. However, the need for a relief panel of staff has again been identified by the ELC/SAC sector, due to staffing challenges brought about by Covid-19.

The Department is currently looking at a suite of proposals related to retention and recruitment. A local and national jobs board of the ELC/SAC sector is one such proposal. This issue has been discussed with the Communications Working Group. In the interim providers are reminded that FCCC offer a jobs board on our website whereby providers can post vacancies for staff free of charge.

PIP Announcements

- **Programme payments update. – 28th January**

Dear Service Provider,

The following payments will be made to providers this week:

- 70% of ECCE payment
- 70% of AIM Level 1 payment
- 100% of AIM Level 7 payment
- 100% of CCSP Savers payment
- 100% of NCS payment

Services that have a declined Force Majeure application and/or services who have been contacted by Pobal to submit a Force Majeure application/additional information, and have not yet submitted it, will have had their contracts placed on hold and will not receive a payment this week.

Please note all recoupment/repayment have been temporarily paused until further notice.

Further information in relation to payments for the period 1 February to 5 March is available on <https://pip.pobal.ie/Shared%20Documents/ELC%20SAC%20Provider%20FAQs%20Feb%20V.1%20-%2027%20Jan%202021.pdf>

You need to be logged onto your PIP portal.

Hive Announcement Page

The announcements page on the Hive has been re-organised. 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.

- **Service provider-parent agreement**

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

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.

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

- **Sponsor Referrals on NCS - Information for Providers**

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 prioritized: the CHICK will issue by email and by phone.

Pobal 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>

In order to apply for AIM Level 4, 5, or 7, consent from the Parent/Guardian is required to be submitted with the child's application. This will enable the Early Years Specialist and other professionals to support a child's inclusion in the pre-school for the duration of his or her ECCE registration and to plan for his or her transition to primary school.

The information required on the AIM informed consent form includes.

- The child's name.
- The Service DCYA reference number
- The setting name.
- Signatures of the Parent's/Guardian of the child

The form should then be uploaded onto PIP and submitted with the application. This form is a legal document and should be legible, completed in full and all signatures need to be dated.

Applications cannot be processed without been fully completed and will be referred back to the service for completion.

Fingal County Childcare Committee Child-minding Information & updates



A Guide to Becoming a Childminder

The Childminding Development Officers (CMDOs) provide support to the local City and County Childcare Committees to work with existing and potential childminders to deliver a high-quality early learning and care and/or school age service to meet the requirements of individual children, families, and communities.

The Childminding Information Pack was developed by the team of (CMDOs) to assist the City/County Childcare Committees with support and information for Childminders. The information pack contains the most up to date information relevant to the childminding sector. The material in the pack has been adapted from resources previously developed and published by the 30 City and County Childcare Committees (CCCs) and Tusla. The information pack includes the following documents:

- A Guide to Becoming a Childminder – this resource is for potential or existing Childminders and introduces them to best practice guidelines in relation to childminding.
- Childminding Sample Policies & Procedures – this resource includes Sample Policy and Procedure templates for Childminders
- Childminding Sample Record Keeping Forms – this resource includes Sample Record Keeping templates for Childminders
- Childminding: Guidelines on Planning a Childminding Business in your own home – this resource provides financial management guidance for Childminders.
- Childminding Information for City/County Childcare Committees – this resource is designed to assist the Childcare Committees to support existing or potential Childminders interested in developing their childminding service.

Download a copy of A Guide as follows:

<http://childcarecommittee.com/fccc/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/A-Guide-to-becoming-a-Childminder-V1-1.pdf/>

FREE New eBook for Childminders



The latest in Barnardos' new series of practice resources for childminders looking at children's behaviour is now available. **This FREE resource** aims to give you a better understanding of children's behaviour and what it is that a child may be trying to communicate through their behaviour, and outlines how you can respond to this behaviour in an understanding way.

https://shop.barnardos.ie/products/guidance-for-childminders-understanding-childrens-behaviour?mc_cid=1ec0b85f2a&mc_eid=d8ebf3db74

The team at Fingal County Childcare Committee recognise that childminders play a central role in the 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
Email jacinta@fingalcountychildcare.ie
- Nicola McKernan, Development Officer, Dublin 15, and Surrounding Areas Ph: 087 6025263
Email: nicola@fingalcountychildcare.ie

HSE Childcare facilities phone line (12th Jan21)

Since services reopened last year, public health medical teams across the country have been supporting the response to cases of Covid-19 within your facilities. Over this time, we have learned that the mitigation measures in place, properly implemented, are effective in ensuring onward spread of Covid-19 infection is minimised. However, there will inevitably be cases of Covid-19 identified amongst staff and children attending facilities. Therefore now, more than ever, the appropriate mitigation measures need to be fully implemented to ensure any onward spread of Covid-19 from cases identified who have attended your facilities, are minimised as best possible.

HSE Childcare facilities phone line - 01 5119777 (8am to 4.30pm Mon-Friday and 10am to 4.30pm Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holidays)

To further support Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Age Childcare (SAC) services providing care to children of essential workers and to vulnerable children, the HSE has put in place a dedicated phone number for managers and service providers, or their designate, to ring if they have been informed of a confirmed case of Covid-19.

The line is only and specifically to inform of any case of Covid-19 identified amongst a staff member or child who attended your service whilst unwell or within 48 hours of them becoming unwell, and if you have not yet heard from public health. The contact details for Departments of Public Health as circulated previously are still valid but often busy. This line has been established therefore, to ensure your message can be directly fed into the correct teams within the Departments of Public Health for appropriate follow up. We ask that this line please only be used for the designed purpose, to facilitate a timely response to facilities that most need it. It is not a line for general queries regarding Covid-19.

FCCC Procedure for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19.

The DCEDIY has requested the FCCC to report any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 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>

FIRST 5 Guidance during COVID-19

Preschool at Home VIDEO

<https://first5.gov.ie/parents/preschool-at-home/>

There is a great selection of Tip Sheets now available on the First5 site

<https://first5.gov.ie/practitioners/reopening>

The well-being, health and safety of children, their families and those working in the sector is a priority.

This webpage provides guidance for parents and service providers on the reopening, operating and use of early learning and care (ELC) and school-age childcare (SAC) services.

Guidance is based on the latest public health advice available from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) in the HSE, which has been approved by the Expert Advisory Group of the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHECT). The public health advice is subject to ongoing review / updating by the HPSC.

If the public health advice changes, the guidance documents on this webpage may change accordingly.

Every ELC and SAC setting is different and service providers will need to use their professional judgement in determining how best to comply with the public health advice while ensuring high quality practice to support children's well-being, learning and development.

More resources and practice examples will be added to this webpage over the coming weeks. You are therefore advised to check for updates.

Update on PHECC Responder level recertification (21/01/21)

On 21 January, PHECC announced that staff who already have FAR certification which expires between March 2020 and 31 July 2021 may complete a 2-day refresher course to maintain FAR certification.

For further information, please click on the link below:

https://www.phecit.ie/PHECC/Publications_and_Resources/Newsletters/Newsletter_Items/2020/Update_on_PHECC_Responder_level_recertification__21_01_21_.aspx



COSAINT LEANAÍ - NATIONAL CHILD SAFEGUARDING PROGRAMME – EARLY LEARNING AND CARE

www.childsafeguardelc.ie

As you are all aware there is an embargo on training for the foundation level Children's First. If services are concerned that their certificate is out of date or will be over the coming weeks, a memo has been sent to all Early Years Inspectors informing them that in this present moment the certificates from the E-Learning module will suffice. If it has been 3 years or more since an employee has completed the E-Learning, then they are advised to complete it again.

The new website <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/> is a fantastic resource that we should be directing providers to for information and links to documents etc.

The National Child Safeguarding Programme; Early Learning and Care launched their website in October, please see below.

The National Child Safeguarding Programme; Early Learning and Care provides the only Tusla approved sector specific Child Safeguarding Programme in Ireland. Full of Early Learning and Care sector specific child safeguarding training and resources, which were developed in conjunction with Tusla, www.childsafeguardingelc.ie is a 'one stop shop' for all Child Safeguarding resources for Early Learning and Care Services in Ireland.

The website can be found at www.childsafeguardingelc.ie and on Twitter at @safeguardingelc

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

CHILDREN FIRST REFRESHER RESOURCES

In the absence of a full training strategy from the National Child Safeguarding Programme due to current public health guidelines, there are a full range of Refresher online resources available on www.childsafeguardingelc.ie

- Staff in all services who haven't completed the Tusla eLearning Programme in the last 3 years to do so <https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-e-learning-programme/>
- Staff in all services can access the Children First Revision Webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>
- Staff in all services can access the Garda Vetting webinar <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/early-learning-care-services/>

- Staff in all services can review and refresh their knowledge by accessing Info Blasts on various topics <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/category/english/>
- Staff within ELC and SAC services can refresh their knowledge of their own organisation's Child Safeguarding Policy using the resources available at <http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/resources-publications/> and on Tulsa's website <https://www.tusla.ie/services/child-protection-welfare/> ; https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_-_Child_Safeguarding_-_A_Guide_for_Policy,_Procedure_and_Practice.pdf/

Early Learning and Care services are providers of Relevant Services under the Children First Act 2015.

Providers of Relevant Services under the Children First Act are required to have a Child Safeguarding Statement. *A key element of the Child Safeguarding Statement is the risk assessment.*

When completing a risk assessment, an Early Learning and Care service is required to examine all aspects of its service from a safeguarding perspective while children are availing of your service. The risk assessment should establish if there are any practices or features of your service that may potentially put a child at risk of harm.

Remember the risks identified should be in relation to the specific activities of the service with children. It is not in relation to general health and safety risks.

The Children First Act 2015 defines harm as:

Assault, ill-treatment, or neglect of the child in a manner that seriously affects or is likely to seriously affect the child's health, development, or welfare or

Sexual abuse of the child, whether caused by a single act, omission or circumstance or a series or combination of acts, omissions, or circumstances or otherwise.

The risk assessment process is intended to enable your organisation to:

- Identify potential risks.
- Develop policies and procedures to minimize risk by responding in a timely manner to potential risks.
- Review whether adequate precautions have been taken to eliminate or reduce these risks.

All risks that are identified and stated in the risk assessment **MUST** be accompanied by a list of policies and procedures that are in place to manage that risk. It is imperative that the risks outlined in your risk assessment are unique and individual to your service.

After the Child Safeguarding risk assessment has been completed, the areas of risk identified should be included in the body of Child Safeguarding Statement. The Child Safeguarding Statement should also outline the policies and procedures which are in place to manage the risks that have been identified.

The National Child Safeguarding Programme; Early Learning and Care have developed, in conjunction with Tusla, a Child Safeguarding Statement Template and Information Sheet which provides a detailed template and further information for completing a risk assessment within your Child Safeguarding Statement.

Further information can also be found at the following links:

<http://childsafeguardingelc.ie/resources-publications>

<https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/organisations/what-is-a-risk-assessment/>

EARLY CHILDHOOD IRELAND Information and News

ECI GARDA VETTING

ECI are delighted to let you know that Garda Vetting will continue as normal during Level 5 restrictions.

As normal please continue to post Garda Vetting applications to: **Garda Vetting, Early Childhood Ireland, Hainault House, Belgard Square South, Tallaght, Dublin, D24 RFV0**

For more information on Garda vetting please click

<https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/work/operating-childcare-service/garda-vetting>

Barnardos updates

Training Webinars

Barnardos have a number of new webinar dates for the coming months.

- Introduction to Trauma Informed Practice in an Early Years Setting - 10th February
- An Introduction to Infant Mental Health in Early Years Settings - 22nd February
- Making the Most of Supervision - 23rd, 24th February 15th April
- Supporting Practice Through Supervision in Early Years - 24th March

You can find all the details of these and book on their website. Don't forget, our expert training is available as tailored training, provided in-house, to a group of staff or volunteers in your organisation or network. If you would like to chat to one of our team about your training needs just get in touch.

Making the Most of Supervision Webinar (2 ½ day event)

23rd/24th February and 15th April

The aim of this course is to generate a positive relationship between supervisor and supervisee focusing on quality practice and, through this, to inspire and motivate staff in their work.

Book now https://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/training-events-courses/2021/february/webinar-making-the-most-of-supervision-25-days-23rd-february-2021?mc_cid=3865ea4123&mc_eid=d8ebf3db74/

Launch Online Safety Webinars for Parents



Webinar Dates & Times

Tues 19th Jan. @ 7:30pm

Wed 3rd Feb. @ 1pm

Tues 9th Feb. @ 7pm

Tues 24th Feb. @ 7pm

Register your place:

www.bitly/osp-parents

Registered charity number: 20010027

Barnardos are launching an online safety webinar programme aimed at parents with the aim to inform leave them feeling empowered in the online sphere. Awareness will be key, explaining to parents the pitfalls and traps many fall into with regard to their children and the internet.

Practicality will remain a key pillar of the webinars, with parents being thought easily understandable and transferable skills to be able to implement into their everyday life with their children and their use of social media, and the internet in general.

There are four different webinars taking place and you can book in to as many as you like. Each webinar will be approximately 45 minutes long, and will take place Jan 19, Feb 3, 9 & 24. To register go to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TTq9hY-hTTOI5fwC1OmNdw and fill out the online form.

New Barnardos FREE eBooks

To obtain any of the Barnardo's FREE EBOOKS please click on their site:

https://barnardos.interleaf.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=kw&idx=kw&idx=kw&limit=mc-code%3AEBK&sort_by=pubdate_dsc&do=Search/

Mindfulness in Early Learning and Care

This resource highlights the benefits of mindfulness, both for your own wellbeing as an early childhood educator and for the children you care for and educate.

It also offers you practical ways to incorporate mindful moments into the everyday in your early learning and care setting.

Coping with Death

eBook - Parenting Positively - Coping with Death - for parents

eBook - Parenting Positively - Coping with Death - for children

Coping with Separation

eBook - Parenting Positively - Coping with Separation - for children

eBook - Parenting Positively - Coping with Separation - for parent

These booklets are for parents of children aged 6-12 to read with their children. Each book will answer some questions that children have about coping with death or their parents' separation and support parents and children to talk about separation.

Quality School Age Care:

What to Look for in a Service to Care for Your Child Outside of School

This booklet will help you to identify a quality school age service for your child that will enhance their well-being and have a positive impact on their learning and development, their school performance and their friendships and relationships.



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.

