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Welcome to our weekly bulletin.

These are the deadlines, important dates, and announcements and new resources for the week 23rd-27th October 2023.

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As always FCCC are here to support and assist all ELC/SAC service providers & childminders within the Fingal area. However, due the large volume of incoming queries at present, our response time may be impacted. We kindly ask that you bear with us during this particularly busy time. If your query remains unanswered after consulting the resources on the early years hive - <https://earlyyearshive.ncs.gov.ie/> please contact your relevant development officer(contact details below).Once you leave a voicemail/email detailing your query, your development officer will respond as soon as possible.

Your patience is very much appreciated as we deal with an increase of calls that comes with a new programme year.

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FCCC Training



CHART OF ACCOUNTS INFORMATION SESSIONS-**ONLINE**

Fingal County Childcare Committee is facilitating information sessions for ELC (Early Learning and Care), SAC (School Age Childcare) Full-time and Sessional Services on **DCEDIY's Chart of Accounts**. This session will give providers information on the Chart of Accounts and additional recourses for financial reporting. It will also give an overview of why partner services are required to complete the chart of accountants.

Topics to be covered.

- Core funding agreement- reporting responsibility
- A brief introduction to the COA (Chart of Accounts) templates & optional financial planning tools
- Where to find the resources and training videos
- FAQ section
- Time for questions and support relating to the Chart of accounts.

This workshop will be delivered **online**. Who should attend this workshop?

- A chairperson, board member, or owner of an ELC service.
- those who are currently responsible for the completion of the financial accounts of the business for submission to Revenue or Companies Registration Office (CRO).
- A manager/staff member who is responsible for the management and administration of the service.
- Bookkeeper /accountant or person who manages the accounts.

One booking per service within the Fingal area. (If your service is not in the Fingal area your booking will be cancelled) There will be 3 different events one for each Development officers in Fingal. Please click on the one relevant to your area



DATE	TIME	FINGAL AREA
Sword & surrounding area 7th November	10.00-12.00	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-744961228087?aff=oddtcreator
Sword & surrounding area 7th November	2.30-4.30	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-744977085517?aff=oddtcreator
Sword & surrounding area 7th November	18.00-20.00	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745007335997?aff=oddtcreator
D15 & surrounding area 8th November	10.00-12.00	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745023745077?aff=oddtcreator
D15 & surrounding area 8th November	2.30-4.30	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745030976707?aff=oddtcreator
D15 & surrounding area 8th November	18.00-20.00	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745039572417?aff=oddtcreator
Balbriggan & Surrounding area 9th November	10.00-12.00	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745049913347?aff=oddtcreator
Balbriggan & Surrounding area 9th November	2.30-4.30	https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/chart-of-accounts-information-sessions-tickets-745062089767?aff=oddtcreator
Balbriggan & Surrounding area 9th November	18.00 -20.00	Chart of Accounts Information Sessions Tickets, Thu 9 Nov 2023 at 18:00 Eventbrite

Always Children First: Child Safeguarding Awareness Training for Organisations

Fingal County Childcare Committee is delighted to announce that we are delivering Always Children First: Child Safeguarding Awareness Training for Organisations.

Please note, places will initially be allocated to the DLP, Deputy DLP and mandated persons within services.

********* It is a requirement that any provider wishing to participate in Always Children First: Child Safeguarding Awareness Training for Organisations must complete the Children First E-Learning Programme.

To get the most from the Foundation training it is recommended that participants complete the E-Learning programme as close to the training date as possible (within the last 12months). FCCC will require proof of completion of the Children First E-Learning Programme prior to participation on the training. *********

Venue	Date	Time	Cost
Fingal County Childcare Committee CLG Digital Office Centre Balheary Industrial Park Balheary Road Swords Co. Dublin K67 E5A0	Tuesday 7 th November 2023	10am – 5.00pm	€10.00 per person

Please note if a service books a place, and the staff member does not avail of the training, this will be noted and your service will not be offered training in the next round of child safeguarding awareness training, **one place per service.**

To book a place email info@fingalcountychildcare.ie for an application form



YOUR EARLY YEARS HIVE SNAPSHOT

23 October 2023

Upcoming task	Who should do it?	What do I need to do?	When do I need to do it?
NCS Returns	Services offering NCS 2023/24	Complete weekly attendance returns for the previous week on the Returns page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returns for 16-22 October: by Tuesday 24 Returns for 23-29 October: by Tuesday 31
AIM Level 5 equipment Transfer of Ownership	Services with any outstanding Transfer of Ownership	Fully complete the Transfer of Ownership form with all required signatures and submit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Thursday 26 October
Scheduled maintenance to Early Years Hive	All users of the Early Years Hive	Be aware the portal will be unavailable for a short amount of time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provisionally scheduled Thursday 26 October at 5pm
AIM Level 1 applications	Services with new or existing LINC graduates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be contracted into ECCE 2023/2024. Submit your AIM Level 1 application. A qualified LINC graduate must be employed as your Inclusion Coordinator (INCO). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backdating deadline is Friday 27 October
November Review & Confirm	All Core Funding Partner Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure most recent Core Funding application/application change is at 'Approved'. Upload Quality Action Plan PDF to Service Profile. Complete Review & Confirm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & Confirm window open 1-17 November
Building Blocks Improvement Grant Financial Returns	Services who received funding through the Building Blocks Improvement Grant	Complete the financial return available on the Returns page.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised to do by Thursday 30 November

The tasks above are for general guidance only. You may have additional tasks outstanding; please regularly check the announcements page and notifications page of the Early Years Hive.

Deadlines / Important Dates:

Today* Friday 27th October 2023 (5pm)

Deadline to apply for new LINC graduate capitation backdated to the start of the programme year.

1st – 10th November 2023

The next Review & Confirm will open on 1st November 2023 and close on 10th November.

Tuesday 14th November 2023

Updating Aistear Phase 2 Consultation ends

For your information

Mid-term Break Updates: NCS Service Calendar, Returns; ECCE Service Calendar; CCSP Saver Session Amendments

As schools are closed for the mid-term on Monday 30 October, with the option to extend to a five-day break, it may be necessary to make the following changes on your Early Years Hive.

It is advised to make any necessary changes as soon as possible to ensure there are no issues when returns are submitted, and payments processed.

NCS: Service Calendar and Returns

If your service is closed for part or all of the week, you must mark the closures on your NCS service calendar on the Hive accordingly. You must also note whether it is a subsidised (paid) closure or not. To add a closure to your NCS service calendar, log into the Hive and follow the steps:

- Go to My Account
- Service Calendars In the list of service calendars, expand the yellow triangle on NCS 2023 and select Edit Closures
- Click Add Closure
- Individually select the days your service is closed
- Select whether the closure is subsidised (paid) or not
- Enter the reason for the closure and click Submit

For more information, please see 'How to add a closure' on the [NCS Service Calendar](#) section of Help & Support. Do not submit an [NCS Attendance Return](#) if there is a message stating a claim is in Draft. If the claim is in draft, you must go to the [NCS Child Registrations](#) page and action any outstanding claim approvals, and then submit the Return.

Important: Changes cannot be made to service calendar opening hours or claim hours once a return for that week has been submitted on the Hive.

For school-aged/ECCE children, if you are increasing their hours during mid-term, please ensure you do not forget to amend the hours for children whose hours reduce after mid-term. As you know NCS subsidy hours cannot be claimed for hours that a child is in school or ECCE, or hours that your service is closed, and any over-claims are liable to be recouped.

If you require further assistance, please raise a [Service Request](#) using the following categories: **Programme:** NCS **Request Type:** NCS Calendar **Request Type Details:** General

Please ensure that you include the CHICK number in the Service Requests.

ECCE: Service Calendar

Providers in contract for the ECCE programme are reminded that changes to service calendars must be first approved by County Childcare Committees (CCCs) and parents must be given 20 working days' notice in writing of any change to the service's calendar. Copies of such notices must be kept on file for compliance purposes. Approved providers in contract for the ECCE Programme must be open for a minimum of 38 weeks (or 182 days) over the programme year.

For further information on service calendars, please contact your local CCC or refer to the [ECCE Service Calendar](#) section of Help & Support. If you require further assistance, please raise a [Service Request](#) using the following categories: **Programme:** ECCE **Request Type:** ECCE Calendar **Request Type Details:** General

CCSP Saver Programme: Amending Sessions (e.g. a child is moving from part-time to full-time)

If a registration is changing and needs to be updated from part-time to full-time, please input a CCSP Leaver with the date the child is changing service level. A new registration should then be created with the updated level of service for the appropriate period. Please see 'How to end/add a CCSP Saver Programme child registration' on the [CCSP child registration](#) section of Help & Support for guidance.

If you require further assistance, please raise a [Service Request](#) using the following categories:

Programme: CCSP **Request Type:** Registrations **Request Type Details:** Leaver



Core Funding updates for the Programme Year 2023/2024

Review & confirm opens 1st November 2023

It is mandatory to complete the Review & Confirm otherwise payments will be placed on hold. Prior to this it is important that your Service Profile is up to date. You can only complete the Review & Confirm when the previous Core funding Application/ Application change is at Approved status.

If a Core Funding Application/Application Change has been referred back or is under appraisal, you will be unable to complete the Review & Confirm until your application has reached approved status.

Opt-out template for ECCE/NCS- Core Funding Services

Pobal have released a template for services who are signed up for Core Funding but have no ECCE/NCS registrations on HIVE because parents have chosen not to avail of ECCE/NCS. The template is used to show that the service offered ECCE/NCS, but parents opted out of availing of the funding programmes. Please refer to the announcement on HIVE which was published on 19th September, for access to the template and further information.

Support:

If your service requires support completing an application, additional resources are available on the [Core Funding Documents](#) page on the Early Years Hive. Your local CCC (County Childcare Committee) can also assist you in completing your Core Funding Application Module.

If you require any further assistance or clarification on your Core Funding Application Module, please contact the Early Years Provider Centre by raising a [Request](#) as follows:

Programme: Core Funding

Request Type: Application

Request Type Detail: Application

FCCC Core funding support

Alternatively, if you have any question or need support please contact: Karen Comiskey, Development Officer – Core Funding: Mobile: 0874705806 | Email: karen@fingalcountychildcare.ie



Fee Table 2023/2024- Checks

Review of Fee Tables

To assist FCCC Development Officers continue the review & approval process of the ECCE element of service's Fee Table's via the HIVE in the final quarter of the year, please check that you have not received an email from your relevant Development Officer advising you of amendments that must be made in line with the ECCE Rules of the Programme 2023/24. If you have received an email, once you have edited your Fee Table, please email back your

Development Officer advising them that the changes have been made and they will review the amended document on the HIVE and approve if it meets the rules of the ECCE programme.

All services whose Fee Tables have been reviewed & approved will receive a confirmation email from their Development Officer.

Please note when changes are submitted to the Fee Table the changes do not carry over to the Parent Statement therefore if changes are requested you will need to redo your Parent Statement and if they have already been sent to parents, they will need to be resent and resigned.

Note - If you have received an email from the development officer in your area in relation to your fees table and you have been asked to make any adjustments, we would ask that you let them know when the changes have been made in order for them to review & approve.

Useful Resources



How To Guide - Fee
Table - Final.pdf



How To Guide -
Online Parent Statement



AIM Level 1 LINC Application Process (AIM Level 1 is an annual application process)

AIM Level 1 applications for existing graduates opened on the Early Years Hive on Wednesday 16th August 2023.

AIM level 1 payments for 2023/2024 programme year.

Please note AIM Level 1 payments will be included in the ECCE payment on 15th September 2023.

AIM Level 7 Review Reminder

If your Service is availing of AIM Level 7 funding, any changes to a setting or child circumstances following approval of an AIM Level 7 application, must be notified to Pobal through the submission of the relevant review via the Early Years Hive. Information on the review types below can be found in the Help and Support section [here](#).

- Change of Circumstances
- Prolonged Absence
- Change to Implementation of Support
- Change to Use of Capitation

Should you have any queries in relation to AIM Level 7 reviews, please contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) by raising a Request on Hive as follows:

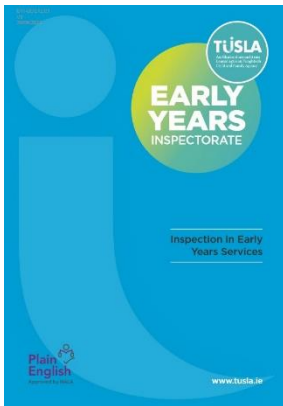
Request Programme: AIM Level 7

Request Type: Application

Request Type Detail: AIM L7 Review



The e-Bulletin includes updates from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, Pobal and Tusla. A link to the e-Bulletin may be found here: [October 2023 Early Years Sectoral E-Bulletin](#)



Tusla's leaflet is designed to give guidance to anyone who works in an early years service about why the Early Years Inspectorate undertakes inspections, how inspections work and what the various outcomes of inspections are.

https://www.tusla.ie/.../EYI-GDE12.61_Inspections_leaflet...



Guidance for the Early Learning and Care sector on sleep provision for children under 24 months



Tusla has introduced a new guidance document, which sets out the revised position of Tusla's Early Years Inspectorate on sleep provision for children under 24 months in early learning and care services.

There is also a webinar available for your convenience using the following link: <https://www.tusla.ie/services/preschool-services/elearning-webinars-and-resources/webinars/>



Little Book at Bedtime:

A free bedtime storybook and library card wallet is available at the library for all children of 4 years and under, to pick up and keep. This exciting initiative aims to engage all parents of young children to read stories with them at bedtime. Parents and their children can pop into their local library to pick up their free bedtime story book and join the library. Bedtime story books are available in English and Irish.

[Little Book at Bedtime press release](#)



Hub na nÓg: Expression of Interest to participate in an online Focus Group on children and young people's participation in decision-making.

Hub na nÓg is the centre of excellence and co-ordination on children and young people's participation in decision-making, established and led by the Participation Unit of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. Hub na nÓg's role is to support Government Departments, State Agencies and non-government organisations to give children and young people a voice in decision-making with a particular focus on those that are seldom-heard.

Hub na nÓg is currently developing guidance materials for practitioners and other adult decision-makers on methodologies and mechanisms for consulting with children aged 0-5 years, as part of DCEDIY's commitment in the First 5 Strategy.

Hub na nÓg and the DCEDIY are seeking to establish an **online focus group of Early Years Educators**. The focus group will seek the opinions of people working directly with children about the development of a resource or toolkit for participation in decision making in an Early Years setting. DCEDIY and Hub na nÓg are inviting you to register your interest in being part of a focus group of Early Years Educators.

The group will be invited to meet online on two to three occasions to discuss the layout of the toolkit, the approach, language use and case studies and methods proposed from an Early Years Educators perspective. This is to ensure that the Toolkit is developed with the upmost functionality for the intended purpose.

The hope is to run the first of these focus groups the week of the *30th of October 2023*. The aim is to have one to two more focus groups after this. Focus groups will run for 1hr30mins and will be scheduled at times when educators indicate they are most available.

8-12 Early Years Educators will be selected who express their interest in participating through the google form. Unfortunately, not everyone who expresses interest will have the opportunity to participate. Participants will be selected to reflect geographic representation and a range of Early Years Setting types.

Please click on this link to sign up for the online focus group meetings - [Online Focus Group](#)



Updating Aistear Phase 2 Consultations

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) has begun Phase 2 of the consultation process to update *Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework*. You can view the Consultation Report from Phase 1 [here](#), while [this video](#) explains the proposed changes to Aistear.

Educators and other stakeholders are invited to share their views on the proposed Framework. This can be done via an online questionnaire, a written submission or by participating in an online focus group in the coming weeks. The consultation will run until Tuesday 14th November 2023.

This is an important opportunity to have your voice heard and to help inform the updating of Aistear, so it continues to have a positive influence on the learning and development of babies, toddlers and young children. To access all consultation materials, please visit: [Updating Aistear Consultation](#)

Attention Childcare Providers

The five Dublin Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC) are re-developing our Directory of Services. This is a free sign-posting tool for services, and families alike, to search for services in their area. All state, community and voluntary services working with children, young people and families in the Dublin region are encouraged to include their details - it will only take 5 minutes!

➡ Go to <https://www.dublincypscdirectory.ie/join> to register your service OR scan the QR code in the poster below/attached. Full video instructions will guide you through the process on this webpage.



For more information on Children and Young People's Services Committees, please go to www.cypsc.ie

Inviting all services to Register / Re-register your service on the redeveloped Dublin CYPSC directory.

Join Now: <https://www.dublincypscdirectory.ie/join>

Sustainability from the Start
Free Online Course on Sustainable Education
Co-funded by the European Union,
Featuring Children's Activities,
Launches for Early Childhood Educators this September.

OMEP Ireland in partnership with Kristianstad University, OMEP Europe, and edChild announce the launch of 'Sustainability from the Start'. This free online course, an ESD Curriculum for Early Childhood Education, will be exclusively available in the ECE Academy App.

According to UNESCO¹, 40% of teachers are confident teaching cognitive dimensions of climate change, but only 20% can explain well how to take actions. This, combined with the urgent need to address climate change and sustainable development, led to the development of 'Sustainability from the Start', empowering educators to play a crucial role in nurturing environmental stewardship and sustainable practices.

Key Features of the 'Sustainability from the Start' course:

- **Eight comprehensive, user-friendly modules** delving into various aspects of sustainable development.
- **Engaging activities** designed for educators and children to explore and learn together. The course includes '8 Friends' characters, seamlessly integrating sustainability concepts into teaching methods.
- **Insights drawn from leading researchers** in the field of sustainable development in early childhood education.

About the course:

The 'Sustainability from the Start' course will be available on September 1st, 2023, in the ECE Academy App (AppStore / Google Play), offered in multiple languages, catering to a diverse global audience and curricula. For more information about the 'Sustainability from the Start' course and the collaboration between OMEP Europe, edChild, and Kristianstad University, please visit www.edchild.com or email us at hello@edchild.com. Stay up-to-date with the latest news and developments by following us on <https://www.facebook.com/edChildECEAcademy>.

About Kristianstad University:

Kristianstad University is a renowned institution in the field of early childhood education, committed to advancing knowledge and fostering innovation in the educational landscape. Through research, collaboration, and academic excellence, Kristianstad University plays a vital role in shaping the future of early childhood education.

<https://www.hkr.se/en/>

Contact person: Marie Fridberg, marie.fridberg@hkr.se, +46 44-2503000

About OMEP:

OMEP is an international NGO of professionals and researchers, working in 70 countries for children aged 0–8 years. OMEP was established within the UN family in 1948 and advocates for the rights and well-being of children through early childhood education.

OMEP's mission is to ensure that children are at the center of educational practices, promoting children's rights and sustainable development. OMEP Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, and Sweden are partners in developing this course.

<https://omepworld.org/>

Contact person: Mary Moloney, mary.moloney@mic.ul.ie, + 353 61 204316

About edChild:

edChild is an award-winning Swedish EdTech company committed to transforming the learning experience for children and educators alike. Grounded in research-based practices, edChild designs innovative technology solutions that enhance educational outcomes, foster a love for learning, and empower educators with effective pedagogical tools. By focusing on the needs of educators, edChild aims to improve early childhood education for all children, promoting all children's development and learning, and a lifelong desire to learn.

www.edchild.com

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Free

Take the fuss out of fussy eating

- Are you concerned about your child's eating habits?
- Are mealtimes a battle?
- Is your child refusing to eat?

Learn how to manage your child's fussy eating at a **FREE** online webinar. Suitable for parents or guardians of children aged 1-12. The webinar runs every month. Delivered by HSE dietitians.

Register on bit.ly/fussyeatingDNCC

Held monthly



ASIAM has put together autism-friendly Halloween resources including a social story to help build predictability for Halloween and an activity pack of Halloween-themed games.

<https://asiam.ie/autism-friendly-halloween/>



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For Childminders

Training

To register for this training click on the following Eventbrite link.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/power-of-sleep-workshop-for-childminders-tickets-743455454277?aff=oddttdtcreator>



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**POWER OF SLEEP
WORKSHOP FOR
CHILDMINDERS**
THURSDAY 9TH NOV 7-9PM



- CLASS STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP ROUTINES,
- MEDITATION METHODS
- HOW TO USE OUR SLEEP MIST SPRAY FOR ALL AGES
- POWER OF MOON CYCLE

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National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028



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Childminding Development Grant 2023

**DON'T
FORGET!**

Submit your
Expenditure Report
by **October 27**



deadline!!

*Then you will receive the
final 25% of your funding*



Childminding

Are you a childminder or thinking of
becoming a childminder in your own home?

Would you like information and/or support on:

- Running a childminding business
- Grants/funding available for childminders
- Tax exemption for childminders
- Training relevant to childminders
- National Action Plan for Childminding

Join our local network of childminders who support each other!

Who are we?

We are your local Childcare Committee. Why not contact
us and talk to one of our team in confidence about supports
available in your area.



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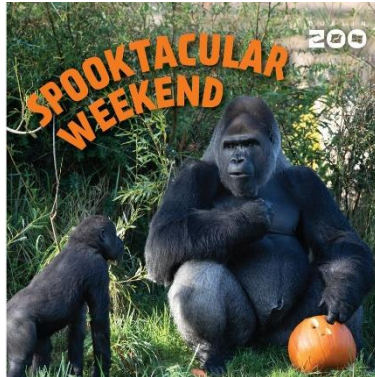
An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,
Míchumais, Léimhárachta agus Óige
Department of Children, Equality,
Disability, Integration and Youth



National Action Plan
for Childminding
2021-2028

Created by Cork City, Cork County, Kerry & Limerick CCCs

For Parents



KIDS IN COSTUME GO FREE THIS HALLOWEEN 🎃

The Spooktacular events at Dublin Zoo are almost here, make sure the little ones have their costumes ready as kids in costume get FREE entry* to the Zoo from 28th – 30th October!

The weekend has a very exciting line-up with:

🦊 Halloween themed magic shows

👻 Creepy crafts

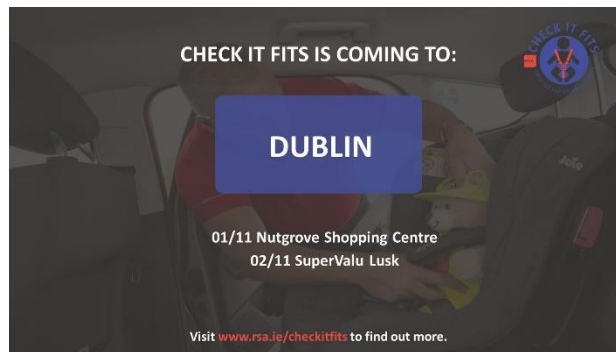
🎨 Face painting

👻 A Spooky Trail

🐱 Special Keeper Talks

...and so much more!

*One child in costume per full-paying adult will receive free entry to Dublin Zoo on Saturday, 28th, Sunday, 29th and Monday, 30th of October.



Attention Parents

The 'Check it Fits' Service is a full-time, nationwide, free expert service which aims to put parent's, grandparent's, and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car. The service is quick, it's easy, it's free and it is coming to Dublin where our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. We would be delighted if you could help us to raise awareness of child safety in cars by letting colleagues, friends, family members and any other relevant contacts know about our upcoming visit to Dublin. We have attached copy of our poster which may be useful for promoting the 'check it fits' service in your workplace and local community also.

If you can't make the 'check it fits' service in Dublin, check out our social media channels below to find out where we'll be going next.



Notice from National Parents Council

Dear Parents,

Greetings from National Parents Council Primary. As parents, we all would want to encourage and promote positive mental health and wellbeing in our children.

Do you want to explore the factors that influence mental health and wellbeing in your child?

If yes, we are bringing you FREE online sessions from 23rd - 27th of October 2023, designed by National Parents Council in conjunction with St. Patrick's Mental Health Services. To register, please visit: Supporting Parents to support their Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing - Virtual sessions October 2023 Survey ([surveymonkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com))

Parents who attend this online session will:

- Learn how to build and nurture resilience within their own child.
- Be given tips on how best to support their child's positive mental health and wellbeing.

When: Sessions will be taking place online via Zoom from the 23rd to the 27th of October 2023. Schedules are listed below:

10 AM and 7:30 PM: 23rd to the 26th of October 2023 (Monday to Thursday)

10 AM: 27th of October 2023 (Friday)

If you would be interested in attending (virtually) one of these online sessions, please register your details here: Supporting Parents to support their Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing - Virtual sessions October 2023 Survey ([survey-monkey.com](https://www.surveymonkey.com)) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Mental-Health-Oct2023>

These sessions are open to all parents of children in Primary School. Please forward the details to other parents.

Please note these sessions will be interactive allowing parents to participate and hence places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



NATIONAL PARENTS COUNCIL

Free Online Sessions

Supporting Parents to support their Children's positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

When:
FROM 3RD TO 6TH OCT 2023
CHOOSE YOUR TIME AND DATE FROM THE LINK BELOW



Mulhuddart Breakfast and Buggy Walk Club

Come and join Empower's **Breakfast and Buggy Walk Club**, you'll have the opportunity to get active and meet other local parents/carers. Join us with your baby/toddler for a local walk followed by a light breakfast at the Mulhuddart Community Centre.

Starting: Wednesday, 4th October

Where: Meet at Mulhuddart Community Centre

When: Wednesdays, 9.30am to 11.30am

Duration: 10 weeks

If you are interested in being part of this programme, please contact **Maria Gomez** on **087 232 3932** or email **mgomez@empower.ie**



The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) is co-funded by the Irish Government, through the Department of Rural and Community Development, and the European Social Fund Plus under the Employment, Inclusion, Skills and Training (EIST) Programme 2021-2027.



MULHUDDART PARENT/ CARER AND CHILD GROUP

IT IS A SPACE FOR CHILDREN TO
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER

The Mulhuddart Parent/Carer and Child Group meet every Thursday morning during school term time in **Mulhuddart Community Centre** from **10am to 12 noon**

There is no need to book just turn up

If you would like to know more about the group you can contact **Pauline Mangan** from Empower on **087 419 0777** or email **pmangan@empower.ie**

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!



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 with 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 [click here](#). 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.

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**
- **Complete the Cessation of Services form for Tusla – click on the link below.**
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 *new information*

Please find below links to information from the HPSC in relation to 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 can share this information with parents, guardians, and staff.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/news/title-23357-en.html> (updated 11th August 2023)

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/>

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/preventing-the-spread/child-returning-to-school-or-childcare/>

In addition, please find link below to the Management of Infectious Diseases in Childcare Facilities guidance resource.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/lifestages/childcare/File,13444,en.pdf> 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 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday or visit the HSE website <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>

Should you have any queries on the above, our contact details are 01- 4851727 or info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

Kind Regards,

Fingal County Childcare Committee