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Early Years and School Age Capital 2018

The expenditure form for both the Early Years and School Age Capital returns will be live on the PIP portal from Midnight on the 21st of September. Please log onto the PIP Portal to access the form, this form must be completed for each strand of funding you were successful under. Guidelines to help you fill in the form are available on PIP. You are advised to read the guidelines thoroughly before submitting the completed forms. If you have any questions or queries with regards to the expenditure form please contact Pobal online support on onlinesupport@pobal.ie or (01)-5117222.

Higher Capitation

Pobal have announced that the Higher Capitation application form for ECCE 2018-19 will be released on the PIP Portal on Friday 28th September. Online applications for the current academic year can be submitted from the 28th September onwards. Appraisal by the ECCE Team will commence immediately, and Services will be paid following approval. Additional catch up payments will be made throughout October and November to ensure that Higher Capitation payments are processed as quickly as possible. Catch-up payments will continue to occur on a weekly basis with funding back-dated as necessary.

AIM Level 1 (LINC)

AIM level 1 (LINC) payment was issued to services on Friday 21st September for applications that were approved by close of business Monday 17th September. Catch-up payments will continue to occur on a weekly basis with funding back-dated as necessary.

AIM Level 7 Payments

As per the payment schedule published, the first payment in relation to AIM Level 7 is scheduled for Friday 28th September. In order to process an AIM Level 7 payment the child/children in receipt of AIM Level 7 support must have an active and approved registration on PIP for the relevant programme call by C.O.B on Monday 24th September 2018.

Fire Safety Training

Fingal County Childcare Committee has always focused on ensuring that early year's providers in Fingal are kept informed of matters that influence high quality provision and practice for the sector. FCCC have asked Dublin Fire Brigade to deliver 'Fire Safety Training' to support Childcare Providers in Fingal on their behalf. This bespoke training will be delivered in the Dublin Fire Brigade's Training Centre in Marino and will support services to be compliant with the *Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Child Care Act 1991 (Early Years Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2016* regarding Fire Safety.

Regulation 26, page 21, Fire Safety Measures

26. (1) A registered provider shall ensure that a record in writing is kept of—

- (a) Any fire drill that takes place in the premises, and
- (b) The number, type and maintenance record of fire-fighting equipment and smoke alarms in the premises.

26. (2) The record referred to in paragraph (1) shall be open to inspection by—

- (a) A parent or guardian of a pre-school child attending or proposing to attend the pre-school service,
- (b) An employee, and
- (c) An authorised person.

26. (3) A registered provider shall ensure that a record referred to in paragraph (2) is retained for a period of 5 years after its creation.

26. (4) A notice of the procedures to be followed in the event of fire shall be displayed in a conspicuous position in the premises.

Schedule 5, Policies and Procedure, Fire Safety Policy, page 44

Point 2, “fire safety policy”, in relation to a pre-school service, means a policy specifying—

- (a) The manner in which the registered provider shall ensure that all employees, unpaid workers and contractors are— (i) Aware of and trained in the procedures to be followed in case of fire in the service, and (ii) Familiar with the location of any firefighting equipment and trained in the use of such equipment
- (b) The frequency and timing of fire drills to be carried out in the service, and
- (c) The manner in which the record in writing referred to in Regulation 26 is to be maintained; “inclusion policy”, in relation to a pre-school service, means a policy specifying the manner in which it is ensured that the needs (including the physical, emotional and intellectual needs and the religious beliefs (if any)) of all preschool children attending the service are addressed in the service; “outings policy”, in relation to a pre-school service, means a policy specifying the measures to be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of pre-school children attending the service when under the control of the service but not on the premises of the service;

DATES	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 9 th October 2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3
	1.45pm – 5.00pm	
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3
	1.45pm – 5.00pm	
Thursday 11 th October	9.15am – 12.30pm	Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3
	1.45pm – 5.00pm	
Tuesday 16 th October 2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3
	1.45pm – 5.00pm	
Wednesday 17 th October 2018	9.15am – 12.30pm	Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre, Malahide Road, Marino, Dublin 3
	1.45pm – 5.00pm	

The training itself will take 3hrs 15 mins and will cost €20 per person. Places will be limited to one person per service and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Providers need only attend **ONE** session. There is a maximum of 25 participants per session.

To secure a place you must forward the attached booking form together with €20 cash or cheque to: Fire Safety Training, Fingal Childcare Committee, Omega House, Collinstown Cross, Swords Road, Co Dublin.



National “Beep Beep Day” takes place on **Friday 5th October 2018** during Irish Road Safety Week. Our warehouse will start to fulfil orders for “Beep Beep Day!” packs from this week. It is important that providers place their orders through the RSA Online Orders system in plenty of time to have their packs for 5th October. Orders can be made online at <http://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Photo-Gallery/20131/Beep-beep-day/> . All requests must be made through this system. We hope to get all packs which are ordered by 2nd October to all preschools in time for Beep Beep Day on 5th October. Should you encounter any difficulties, please email education@rsa.ie

Closures due to Storm Ali

Services unable to open safely due to weather conditions caused by Storm Ali, or services that have suffered storm damage or a disruption to utilities that forced them to close should invoke Force Majeure by downloading and completing the Force Majeure form from PIP and send onwards to pipdocuments@pobal.ie within four weeks. Should you require support with this process please contact Online Support by emailing onlinesupport@pobal.ie or call 01 511 7222

Training - Promoting Positive Behaviour in Preschool

The Psychology Department of the Early Intervention Team (EIT) in Dublin North West are delighted to announce that we will be running a four-week programme for childcare workers and Early Years Specialists in relation to the promotion of positive behaviour strategies in the preschool setting. This programme will be based on the Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme) called Stepping Stones. The programme will cover a range of topics including child development and behaviour, teaching new skills and behaviours, recording behaviour and the appropriate use of rewards, encouraging good behaviour and managing misbehaviour. Please find invite letter attached.

The dates we have scheduled to run the programme are as follows:

- Session 1: Weds 17th October
- Session 2: Weds 24th October
- Session 3: Weds 7th November
- Session 4: Weds 14th November

All sessions will run from 9.30-12pm in Ashgrove House, Kempton Estate, Navan Road, Dublin 7. Those interested in attending should email the Assistant Psychologist Katie Duffy (katiebridget.duffy@hse.ie) no later than Monday the 8th October at 5pm to confirm their attendance and ensure a place on the programme. Places are limited to 30 people. In order to get maximum benefit from the programme, you are encouraged to attend all sessions.

Good bye and good luck

Laura has finished up as Manager of Fingal County Childcare Committee to move to a new role as National Early Years Children First Coordinator. We would like to wish Laura the best of luck in her new role. Adrienne Doyle will be acting as interim Manager during the Manager recruitment process, however day to day supports will remain the same with DO’s supporting services in their geographical areas. We hope to complete the recruitment campaign as quickly as possible, but please be assured that we will continue to provide you all with the highest level of support possible during the transition.