



Stay Connected with Early Years!

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Education Inspection Framework Engagement Programme

The new EYFS Framework comes into force on 1st September 2025 and Ofsted will implement changes to its inspection framework from November 2025. To support providers in familiarising themselves with these changes, Ofsted are running a series of webinars, blogs and regional events, which we would encourage providers to attend. Further details can be found in the attachment, 'Early Years Legislative Changes', that accompanies this email.

PEEP Learning Together Programme Training Offer for Professionals

Practitioners working with parents, carers and young children in nurseries, early years settings and schools are invited to attend the PEEP Learning Together Programme Training on August 28th and 29th 2025 at Meadows Family Hub. This comprehensive training is designed to equip practitioners with the skills and knowledge to support parents and carers to foster strong parent-child relationships. The programme focuses on promoting early learning and development in key areas such as communication, literacy, maths and physical health. For more information contact : Charlotte.Haigh@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or you can book a place directly using this link : [Peep LTP Training \(f2f\) - Peeple](#). Further information can also be found in the attachment, 'PEEP', that accompanies this email.

Language Leads Opportunity

Following on from the successful Language Leads project last year, the Speech and Language Team are looking to recruit new practitioners who wish to become a Language Lead in their setting. The Language Lead approach is an evidence-informed programme which supports the development of speech, language and communication in the early years. This approach enhances the current offer of speech, language and communication support within settings and provides a significant opportunity for early intervention for all children including those with speech, language and communication needs, based on an interactional pedagogy and the intervention is carried out within typical EYFS provision.

This suite of training will include face to face sessions with the Speech and Language Team and will include a follow up support visit in your setting. Dates and times for this free training are to be confirmed shortly, but if you would like further information, or to be involved, please contact amy.burton@nottshc.nhs.uk

Autumn Term CPD Opportunities

We're looking forward to seeing many of you in the Autumn Term through our 2025/2026 CPD offer, which include our Leadership, SENCO and DSL Networks, as well as courses designed to further your development and knowledge in delivering high-quality early education and care. The full overview of our CPD offer is available on our [website](#).

This upcoming term we will be facilitating sessions such as '[Practising what we teach! Would you reach the expected level of development as an adult?](#)' a new, one-off session, led by Senior Managers from the Early Years Team to utilise the teaching principles of our daily practice to help Managers and Leaders explore and reflect how these can be applied to ourselves and support the mentoring and supervising of those we manage.

Join our EYFS Teaching and Learning Specialists at '[Open Your Eyes to the EYFS](#)' for a whistle-stop tour through the key components of the Early Years Foundation Stage, providing you with a deeper understanding of all aspects of the early years statutory framework.

There are also opportunities to develop your safeguarding knowledge, our '[Introduction to Safeguarding](#)' course will give new and trainee practitioners a thorough awareness of safeguarding children as well as the local context, policies and procedures of Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership (NCSCP).

Additional Safeguarding Children Refresher Sessions

Due to the popularity of our Safeguarding Children Refresher sessions, we have added three extra dates. This course ensures that people who have previously attended training specific to their role are updated on safeguarding children issues, including changes in national context and local policies and procedures.

Book [here](#) for the following sessions:

- Thursday 28th August 2025: 10.00am – 12.00pm
- Thursday 11th September 2025: 6.15pm – 8.15pm
- Monday 13th October 2025: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Read what's coming up next - Important but not urgent information

Early Years Stronger Practice Hub (EYSPH) Newsletter

The EY SPH has released their **Summer 2 Newsletter**, which you can access [here](#)

Looking ahead to the next academic year, the EY SPH will be running **Room Leader Networks** for different age groups. Here are the confirmed dates for the **Autumn Term**:

Babies Room Leader Network

- Friday 19th September – Trent Conference Centre (Full day)
- Tuesday 18th November – Flying High Partnership (Full day)

Toddlers Room Leader Network

- Friday 26th September – Flying High Partnership (Full day)
- Friday 14th November – Flying High Partnership (Full day)

To book your place on these networks or explore additional CPD opportunities, please refer to the newsletter or visit the EY SPH's [LinkTree](#).

Early Years Financial Incentives Update

Following the launch of this incentive in July, which offers £1,000 to new or returning early years practitioners, the DfE have now published the accompanying guidance to support this incentive 'Early Years Financial Incentives 2025 to 2026: Toolkit for Providers and LA's participating in the Programme'. This guidance, along with the latest information can be found [here](#).

Read when you get a moment – Information you might find interesting

DfE and Childcare Choices – Email Updates for Early Years Providers

Providers can now sign-up to the new early years provider email, you'll receive the latest announcements, information and news from the department on reforming early years education and supporting childcare expansion. Sign up at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/provider-guidance-and-resources

Update on Measles

Check out our latest [news article](#) on protecting children from measles. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has asked us to stress to early education stakeholders that cleaning and personal protective equipment do not provide effective protection from measles. **The MMR vaccine is the safest and most effective way to protect children and staff against measles, mumps and rubella.**

Speech and Language Advice Line Information

This advice line is available for parents and carers of children aged 0-19 who need advice on a child's talking or communication. This service is operated by trained speech and language therapists and is open to those living in Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire. The advice line is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning (9:00-12:30). The number for parents or carers to call, if they have concerns about a child, is 03001233387 (option 1).

Future Communications

Please note that the Early Years Office will be closed on Monday 25th August 2025 for the Bank Holiday. Our Autumn Term Newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of September 2025 and the Stay Connected with Early Years bulletin will resume fortnightly from mid-September 2025.

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