

Early years & childcare services

E-newsletter – November 2010



Welcome to this month's e-newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with all early years' news, updates and events.

We hope you find this e-newsletter useful. If you would prefer not to receive this email, just let us know by emailing fis@nottscc.gov.uk

Please let your colleagues know about E-News and let us know their email address if they also wish to receive a copy.

Training and Development Opportunities

A TADO update will be emailed out next week with information about new and updated courses. Look out for the update in your inbox early next week.

Single Point of Entry into school

As stated in September's E News, providers need to be aware of changes introduced by Government and outlined in the new Schools Admissions Code. A copy of the Schools Admissions Code 2010 can be downloaded from the DCSF website <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/sacode/>, by clicking on a picture of the document on the left hand side of the page. (Please be aware that this web reference will be changing under the new Department for Education).

From September 2011 all **children are offered a full time place in primary school from the September following their 4th birthday.**

Although the impact for providers will vary, it is clearly a significant change and may well affect the number of children attending your provision; particularly in the first year. If you are concerned about the potential impact on your settings numbers and need advice please contact David Rogers, Business Support Officer, on 07977 210 151 or email david.rogers@nottscc.gov.uk. Andy Walker on 07717 205 374 or email andrew.walker@nottscc.gov.uk

Winter Weather

If your setting is going to be closed due to the bad weather, please remember to email FIS as soon as possible to notify us of the closure at fis@nottscc.gov.uk, or ring the helpline on 0800 781 2168.

News from websites this month....

Department for Education

Government moves to free up children's centres

On 16 November, Children's Minister Sarah Teather outlined the first steps in the Government's reform of early education at the Daycare Trust conference.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/earlylearningandchildcare/a0067775/government-moves-to-free-up-childrens-centres>

National Day Nurseries Association

NDNA Welcomes How Quality Continues to Develop in Early Years Sector but Stresses Disparity in Disadvantaged Areas a Concern

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) today responded to Ofsted's 2009/10 Annual Report. NDNA welcomed how the early years sector continued to perform well despite the challenging economic times, but said it was concerned by a fall in the number of providers and the clear differences in provision for children in disadvantaged areas. For more information visit:

<http://www.ndna.org.uk/news/press+releases/response-Ofsted-report>

National Childminding Association

Role and performance of Ofsted

NCMA responded to the Education Select Committee's inquiry into the role and performance of Ofsted recently. For more information visit:

http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/role_and_performance_of_ofsted.aspx

Play England

An hour of outdoor play keeps the doctor away

Play England responds to new claims that 20% of UK kids could be at risk from rickets. For more information visit:

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/news/2010/11/an-hour-of-outdoor-play-keeps-the-doctor-away>

Voluntary and community sector survey

Play England has designed a short online survey for voluntary and community sector organisations to gauge what challenges lie ahead for them and the support that they will require. For more information visit:

<http://www.playengland.org.uk/news/2010/11/vcs-survey>

Ofsted

The Annual Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills 2009/10 was published 23 November. For more information visit:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News>

Daycare Trust

Daycare Trust supports childcare professionals through free training and updated resources

Daycare Trust, the national childcare charity, has launched an updated version of the popular publication, *Help with childcare costs: A resource to support professionals who advise parents*. For more information visit:

<http://www.daycaretrust.org.uk/pages/daycare-trust-supports-childcare-professionals-through-free-training-and-updated-resources-.html>

Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT)

Toy safety – Christmas shopping special

CAPT provide information about Toy Safety. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/toy-safety-%E2%80%93-christmas-shopping-special>

RoSPA extends its blind cord campaign with 60,000 free safety packs

For more information, visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/rospace-extends-its-blind-cord-campaign-60000-free-safety-packs>

Could you help children stay safe around dogs?

In 2008, 400 children under the age of five were admitted to hospital after being bitten by a dog. The Blue Dog Guide is a software package which teaches parents and children about how to stay safe around dogs. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/could-you-help-children-stay-safe-around-dogs>

Guardian

Sure Start good for families and for children's health says researchers

For more information visit:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/nov/25/surestart-good-families-children-health##>

Nottingham Evening Post

Inspectors praise Notts Sure Start Centre

For more information visit:

<http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Inspectors-praise-Notts-Sure-Start-Children-s-Centre/article-2946369-detail/article.html>

Eastwood children's centre celebrates inspection success

For more information visit:

<http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Eastwood-children-s-centre-celebrates-inspection-success/article-2946200-detail/article.html>

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