

Childcare Places Capital Funding Programme

Between 2006 & 2008 childcare places capital funding was used to adapt and extend buildings to support the delivery of the childcare offer in Nottinghamshire and enable settings to deliver childcare between 8am and 6pm, 51 weeks per year. The capital work project work included:

Greasley Beauvale, DH Lawrence Infants School, Newthorpe

Work was carried out on a modular building which accommodates full daycare.



Wynndale Primary School, Mansfield

Work was carried out in partnership with the school to accommodate a breakfast, after school and holiday provision. Operating alongside the children's centre there is the capacity to deliver a varied menu of activities, including parent support sessions on site.

Pictured are children from Learning Ladder Out of School Club who were celebrating the completion of the new room at the school during an open evening.



Children's comments from Learning Ladder include:

"The room is more comfortable, we have our own space where we can do what we want" - **Daniel Girton, aged 11**

"The food is better and the space is bigger" - **Oliver Betts, Aged 9**

Prospect Kilton Sure Start Children's Centre receives letter from royalty



each designed a pair of knickers for the Queen using creative, expressive and physical development activities, for example scissor and manipulative skills.

The group sent their designs to Buckingham Palace and the Queen's

Lady in Waiting wrote back...

"The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for your letter and for the designs which you have made for Her Majesty. The Queen was interested to hear about the story you have enjoyed and thought it kind of you to take such care with your designs".

The Learning Together group at Prospect Kilton Sure Start Children's Centre recently received a letter from the Queen's Lady in Waiting at Buckingham Palace.

The group consisting of parents/carers, staff and children followed the "Queen's Knickers Story Book by Nicholas Avan. After listening to the story, the children

Play Days 2008

Play today and take the challenge!
Visit your local play day for a free afternoon of fun!

The free events run from 1 pm until 4 pm and give children the chance to have a go at a whole range of activities and games from drumming, arts and crafts to free choice play.

Newark & Sherwood	5 August	Magnus, Bowbridge Road, Newark
Bassetlaw	6 August	Kings Park, Hospital Road, Retford
Mansfield	7 August	Carr Bank, Windmill Lane, Mansfield
Ashfield	8 August	Kingsway Park, Hodgkinson Road, Kirkby
Broxtowe	12 August	Jubilee Park, Church Street, Eastwood
Gedling	13 August	Arnot Hill Park, Nottingham Road

If you require any further information or would like to find out about activities happening over the summer, please contact the Nottinghamshire FIS on 0800 781 2168.

Newark and Sherwood Out of School Clubs presented with Hands Up for Inclusion Awards

Well done to the below Newark and Sherwood Out of School Clubs who have recently been awarded with the Hands up for Inclusion Charter Awards:

Coddington, Muskham Ltd, Rainworth, Starting Blocks Bilsthorpe and Oliver Quibell

The awards are given to settings who have demonstrated an inclusive approach to practice and commitment to quality.



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10th Early Years and Childcare Conference takes place

"Again, a lovely conference, really enjoyed the day" - adult delegate

"Very informative and useful, very well organised would definitely come again" - adult delegate

"It was the best day of my life" - child delegate

Thank you to everyone who came to the 10th Early Years and Childcare Services conference that took place on 17 May 2008 and to all those that helped organise it and make it a brilliant day.

Over 300 children and adults attended the conference and heard key note speeches from Denise Hevey, Professor of Early Years Education at the University of Northampton and Trevor Hawes, one of the UK's leading experts on teaching, learning and thinking to maximise children's opportunities.

The children's conference ran alongside the main conference and for the first time was held outside, exploring environmental play. Themed "Naturally Happy" children and young people could choose from a range of activities including stixx play, bollywood dance, trash fashion, climbing wall and music and media workshops. The Pre-School Learning Alliance (PSLA) ran a crèche, providing childcare for children 3 - 5 years.

At the end of the main conference, children took part in a showcase showing what activities they had taken part in during the day. Look out for details of next year's conference coming through your door!



Running a playscheme or holding an event this summer?

Register your details with Nottinghamshire FIS by calling FREEPHONE 0800 781 2168.

If you provide care, such as activity-based provision for children for a period of two hours or more in any one day you may wish to apply for registration on the voluntary part of the Ofsted Childcare Register. This would enable parents using your provision to access help with the cost of the sessions through the childcare element of Working Tax Credit. The voluntary register can apply to settings caring for children aged under and over eight.

For more information or support on Ofsted registration, call the FIS and speak to an Information Officer.

Nottinghamshire Families Information Service



New name, same great service - only better!

Our Children's Information Service has a new name!

Now called Nottinghamshire Families Information Service (FIS), the name change is in response to section 12 of the Childcare Act 2006 which has extended our existing duty as a local authority to provide information to the public about childcare and related services.

Nottinghamshire FIS will provide information about local services, support and activities, including childcare for parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 20 years.

Call Nottinghamshire FIS on freephone 0800 781 2168

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Web: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk



Granby House Day Nursery goes green

Children at Granby House Day Nursery, Carlton in Lindrick, Worksop have recently been learning about recycling after an individual child showed interest by bringing in recyclable products from home. Jacqui Hannaby Nursery Manager said "The children are now happy to sort the items into the correct bins developing their problem solving, reasoning and numeracy skills as well as broadening their knowledge and understanding of the world".

Pictured are Jacqui Hannaby Nursery Manager, Matthew Cullingworth aged 2, Katie Waring Deputy Manager and John-Michael Cullingworth aged 3.

Marketing Support...

Running holiday provision this summer? Need help increasing numbers?

Want to plan for the autumn term?

Whether you are planning an event and need some guidance on how to pull it together or promote it, or you need to increase your occupancy and need help with some ideas on how to do it, Clare and Vicky who are Marketing and Publicity Officers for the Early Years and Childcare Service, can help point you in the right direction.

If you would like support with your marketing, or would like to submit an article for inclusion in this newsletter please email clare.morrrell@nottscc.gov.uk or victoria.windsor-beck@nottscc.gov.uk

Inclusion of childminders on the Nottinghamshire Directory of Providers of Funded Nursery Education

In recent years we have included a very small number of childminders on the Nottinghamshire Directory of Providers of Funded Nursery Education providing they have achieved the Children Come First NCMA accreditation and been supported by an NCMA Network Development Co-ordinator. This policy has now been revised in response to local and national developments and in the light of the Effective Provision of Pre-School Education (EPPE) study. Further information on the EPPE research can be found on; <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/RRP/u013144/index.shtml>

From 1 April 2008 the following criteria will apply to all childminders wishing to be considered for inclusion in the Nottinghamshire Directory of Providers of Funded Nursery Education and childminders will be required to;

- hold a minimum of a level 3 childcare qualification and be willing to work towards achieving the Early Years Professional Status in line with Government requirements,
- have achieved the NCMA Children Come First Accreditation,
- be competent in the delivery of all aspects of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, (as assessed by a member of the Nottinghamshire Early Years Qualified Teacher team), and
- be able to demonstrate their ability to meet the social needs of a disabled child in their care and evidence how the child is accessing activities with their peer group.

For more information, please contact Helen Crowder, Early Years and Childcare Manager - helen.crowder@nottscc.gov.uk

Nottinghamshire Childminding Network Events

The network events were a great success with over 150 childminders attending. After collating information from the questionnaires you filled in, we are now able to tailor any future events to your requests.

The majority of the feedback said that you wanted district based evening meetings, which we arranged for this month and future meetings are planned for September/October.

It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and new ones. Thank you for all your positive feedback.

Onwards and upwards!

Anne Soar
National Childminding Association - Senior Project Manager



Childminding Extravaganza takes place!

On 17 June 2008, a Childminding Extravaganza took place at Rufford Country Park to celebrate National Childminding Week. Children and childminders could take part in a storybook workshop, Jo Jingles and Pinxton Puppets to support the theme – children's communication, language and literacy.

For more information about events happening throughout the year, visit

www.nottinghamandcountychildminding.org.uk



Dates for your diary!



A chance to gather information about all the local authority support services in your district.

A letter and reply slip will be sent to each setting early September.

Early Years Foundation Stage district briefings for private, voluntary and independent settings

District	Date	Venue
Ashfield	Tues 30 September 9:30 for 10:00 am	Mansfield Civic Centre
Mansfield		
Gedling	Tues 30 September 1:30 for 2:00 pm	Newstead Miners' Welfare Community Centre
Broxtowe		
Bassetlaw	Wed 1 October 9:30 for 10:00 am	The Turbine, Worksop
Rushcliffe	Thurs 2 October 9:30 for 10:00 am	Rushcliffe Arena, West Bridgford
Newark	Fri 3 October 9:30 for 10:00 am	Holy Trinity Community Centre, Newark

(Each meeting will last for approximately 2 hours)

Employment Law Up-Date

The minimum wage provisions of the bill are expected to come into force on 1 October 2008.

There will be new measures brought in to ensure the minimum wage is enforced. This means that employers who break the law could face tougher penalties, such as being handed an unlimited fine and a trial in Crown Court. These changes are contained in the Employment Bill which is currently going through Parliament.

The new National Minimum Wage rates from 1 October 2008 will be:

- Adults - people aged 22 and over: **£5.73** an hour.
- Workers aged 18 - 21: **£4.77** an hour - the 'development rate'.
- Workers aged 16 - 17: **£3.53** an hour.

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Materials

There are revised copies of the:

Statutory Framework for the EYFS (Ref 00267-2008BKT-EN) and Practice Guidance for the EYFS (Ref 00266-2008BKT-EN)

If you would like a copy of the revised packs (published May 2008) please ring 0845 60 222 60 and quote the pack reference number.



Nottinghamshire Early Years Consultation Group

Following the recent ballot to elect PVI representatives for places on the Nottinghamshire Early Years Consultation Group, we can now announce the names of the six successful nominees elected by over 120 Nottinghamshire providers and committee members. Thank you to all the nominees for their commitment to the sector and the time they gave to the election. Congratulations go to:

Val Holland
Valmarys Children's Centre

Susan Mills
Cherubs Childcare Centre

Jane Orme
The Learning Tree

Charlotte Pierpoint
Southwell Pre-School

Robert Staunton
Staunton Montessori Nursery School

Christine Walton
Bright Beginnings Day Nursery

The first meeting of the consultation group will be arranged shortly so look out for further information later on in the year.

If you have any queries about the election please contact Helen Crowder, Early Years and Childcare Manager - helen.crowder@nottscc.gov.uk

The Nottinghamshire Childcare Recruitment Campaign is moving!

The Nottinghamshire Childcare Recruitment Campaign is moving to County Hall, West Bridgford. The move will integrate recruitment and training to provide a streamlined service offering training and employment to those wanting to work within the childcare sector, including those that would like to undertake Early Years Professional Training.

Childcare providers who would like to advertise vacancies and people who would like to register with the Recruitment Campaign can contact us on 08449 808 080, Monday to Friday 08:00am to 08:00pm and Saturday 08:00am to 12 noon.