

Aim: To ensure schools have access to information, advice and guidance that supports them to deliver early years entitlements for eligible 2, 3 and 4 years olds.

Early Childhood Services (ECS) has a statutory duty to ensure there is sufficient high quality, accessible and affordable early years and childcare places to meet the needs of working parents. It also has a duty to ensure the effective use of Early Education funding for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

ECS has a number of teams based either in the north and south of the county employed to support schools to deliver early years provision.

Place planning: –

Our Early Years Project Officers can support you to:-

- Reduce age range to create places for eligible 2 year olds
- Extend your offer to 30 hours for working parents, including partnership working with other local providers
- Inform you of sufficiency needs in your area, including the views of local parents.
- Secure provision tenders in areas of low sufficiency.
- Liaison with NCC property department on new capital builds on NCC sites.
- Advice and guidance regarding legal documents necessary for shared-site use, etc. such as Service Level Agreements, Licences, etc..

How:

- On-site visits with Head-teachers, governors, etc..
- Access to termly local Early Years Sufficiency network meetings
- Information presented at Head-teacher briefings, EYFS networks, via Governor news-letters.
- Liaison with colleagues from School Place Planning re new school builds.

Contact details:-

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Other Early Childhood (commissioned) services

Our Early Years Commissioning officers can support you to:

- Identify relevant linked Children Centre, and Healthy Families Team.
- Promote Families Information Service and www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk website

Quality improvement:-

Our Early Years Quality and Attainment team consist of Early Years Specialist Teachers and Advisors who can support you:-

- In your EYFS practice to improve Foundation Stage outcomes / Ofsted judgements.
- Support termly transition arrangements for children moving into school from a private, voluntary or independent setting, including children with SEND.
- Support practice with vulnerable children, including children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, Looked After Children, SEND, and those known to social care, i.e. in need or on a child protection plan.
- Provision of training around key themes, such as Teaching and Learning, Introduction to EYFS, Language and Communication, Outdoor learning, etc.
- www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/early-years-and-childcare/childcare-providers/early-years-training
- Moderation of judgements in EYFS and Better-start data.

How:

- Work in conjunction with NCC School Improvement Service, to negotiate bespoke packages of support
- Access to termly local Early Years forum meetings.
- Access to our Training and Development Opportunities directory (TADO)
- Information presented at Head-teacher briefings, EYFS networks, via Governor news-letters.

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Early Years funding and data systems: –

Our Early Years Technical Specialist team manage the Early Years Portal and can support you to:-

- Promote Early Years funding supplements, such as Early Years Pupil Premium for LAC, Disability Access Fund (DAF), Deprivation Fund, and ensure their timely payment each term.
- Provide advice and support regarding data systems such as Self-update and Better-start
- Support with queries linked to requirements of the Provider Agreement

How:

- Telephone support
- Access to Portal workshops for school staff
- Provide information via EYFS networks
- Undertake audit visits to ensure compliance with the Provider Agreement

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Early Years Consultation Group

The EYC group represents the views of all early years providers, and is the formal body for NCC consultations in relation to early years. It meets each term and has formal representation on the School Forum. The group currently has 3 school representatives, i.e.

- West: – Sarah Gilbody, sgilbody@greenwoodprimary.org.uk
- North:– vacancy,
- South:- Jane Harding, Jane.Harding@burtonjoyce.notts.sch.uk