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## **Early Years Broadcast 41 – 08 December 2021**

### **Provider Portal & Early Education Funding (EEF)**

#### **Advance Requests - Spring Term 2022 - deadline Sunday 12 December 2021**

Childminders do not automatically receive an advance. To receive an advance, you will need to complete the advance request survey which can be found at the link below (available from 29 November 2021):

[Advance Request Survey - Suffolk Learning](#)

For group providers - group providers automatically receive an advance unless you let us know otherwise. To request a lower advance because you will have reduced numbers, please complete the advance request so we can adjust your advance. If you have any queries around advances, please email [provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk).

#### **Minus payments**

This is a situation whereby your actual claim has not covered the amount you were paid in your advance payment, therefore leaving a minus balance. If you are in a minus balance situation then you will receive an invoice to repay the outstanding amount towards the end of term.

More information about funding can be found at the link: [Headcount Guidance – Suffolk Learning](#)

#### **30 hours childcare - new applications and reconfirmation**

The next deadline for 30 hours applications is 31 December 2021 for parents with three- and four-year-old children who would like to access a 30 hours place from 1 January 2022. We would encourage parents to apply in plenty of time ahead of this date, in case HMRC requires additional information. Reconfirmations should also be completed before 31 December to ensure eligibility for Spring Term 2022.

#### **Early Years Dedicated Schools Grant (EY DSG)**

The DfE has now reconciled the early years funding. Following discussion with your representatives at the Early Years Consultative Forum, a paper was taken to Schools Forum last week. This paper asked that the £500,000 surplus in the EY DSG be distributed to all providers who delivered funded hours in the summer term 2021 and that the available money be allocated based on the summer term claim. This has been agreed.

The additional payment will be made towards the end of the Autumn Term and will be detailed as 'additional special grant'.

#### **Provider Portal – important reminder for users**

- Registered portal users **MUST NOT** share their login details. To do so is classed as a data breach. Registered portal user absence- if your registered portal user has left your provision, or will be absent during the task period, you must let us know **as soon as possible**. Please email: [provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:provider.portal@suffolk.gov.uk). Failure to let us know will affect our ability to process your claim. A £100 administration charge will be applied where a data breach is identified (effective from 01 April 2021).

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## General Updates

### [Learn - Explore - Debate](#)

NCB recently worked with the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver the latest round of *Learn - Explore - Debate* events. They focused on COVID-19 recovery, Ofsted inspections under the revised EYFS and supporting children with SEND. All of the videos, case studies and slides from the events are now available on the [Foundation Years website](#)

- The first session focused on COVID-19 recovery, including a [presentation from DfE](#) and a [case study from Triangle Nursery School in Lambeth](#).
- The second session, Wendy Ratcliff HMI and Samantha Sleaman-Boss from Ofsted presented on [inspections under the revised EYFS](#) and explored the role of assessment in greater detail.
- The third session featured a case study from Amy Devine and Angela Prodger from the Pen Green Centre on [how to take a celebratory approach to SEND](#)

## Conference: Brilliant Beginnings for Children

Bi-Borough Early Education and Childcare Service have planned this conference which is suitable for all early years settings, schools, childminders, and other professionals who work within early years.

For more information follow this link:

[BBEECS Early Years Conference 2022 Tickets, Fri 25 Feb 2022 at 09:15 | Eventbrite](#)

## Alerts from Department for Education (DfE)

Please subscribe to receive alerts directly from DfE, the link is below:

<https://www.gov.uk/help/update-email-notifications>

## Update on the delivery of CO2 Monitors

Over 99% of eligible schools and colleges, and the majority of early years settings, have now received their CO2 monitors. Final deliveries will be made before the end of term. You should have received sufficient monitors to take representative readings from across the indoor spaces on your estate.

For any problems with deliveries, please contact the supplier, Rexel, directly on 0330 0450 606.

Lines are open Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm.

If you believe you have not received your correct allocation of monitors, please contact the DfE COVID-19 helpline on 0800 046 8687 by Wednesday 15 December with the following information about your setting:

- number of pupils
- number of teaching spaces
- number of sites
- your URN
- full name of your setting

CO2 monitors are an additional tool to help settings manage ventilation. For practical tips on balancing good ventilation with keeping classrooms warm, please see [section 5](#) of the Health and Safety Executive's guidance on ventilation and air conditioning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Public Health England (PHE) Resources**

PHE has published a series of resources to help keep parents informed as their children return to education settings. The leaflet, entitled "Taking your child to an early years setting: information for parents", outlines the importance of children attending early years settings and includes a wide-ranging FAQ.

Please feel free to use it as appropriate and share with staff and parents:

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/resources/leaflets/>

**COVID Reporting -Test and Trace Procedure**

**Remember to report positive cases as soon as possible - do not delay.**

You can find the most recently updated information at the link below:

[COVID-19 Provider Information – Suffolk Learning](#)