

## **South Dublin County Childcare Committee – News Bulletin w/ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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## Registration with Tusla

South Dublin CCC would like to remind all services to ensure they are correctly registered with Tusla. With all services now operating, a number of changes may have taken place over the summer which must be notified to Tusla e.g. change in service type, change of person in charge, change in hours of operation, addition of a session type etc.

Notifiable changes are outlined in the change of circumstances form attached.

To notify Tusla of your changes, please complete the attached Change of Circumstances form and if necessary, complete the additional supplementary information form.

Completed documentation is to be returned to [ey.registration@tusla.ie](mailto:ey.registration@tusla.ie).



## ECCE Higher Capitation

On Monday the 30th July 2018 an official announcement was made by Pobal that they would now be the administrator of the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Higher Capitation programme on behalf of the DCYA from the 2018/2019 programme year.

Officials from the DCYA have confirmed with Pobal that the ECCE Higher Capitation Application Process 2018/2019 will open by 28th September 2018, via PIP.

The date of payments of the ECCE Higher Capitation rate will be individual to each service on approval of a fully completed application. Once an application has been approved, services will be paid the Higher Capitation rate and any arrears due to them on the next available payment date from POBAL.

Individual services can request the expected payment date from POBAL on receipt of confirmation of their approval for Higher Capitation, in the same manner as they could in the last programme year.

Pre payments made against an ECCE 2018/2019 contract are based on a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) count at the end of March 2018 and Higher Capitation level in June 2018.

Any queries in relation to ECCE Higher Capitation for the 2018/2019 programme year should be directed to Pobal Online Support at [onlinesupport@pobal.ie](mailto:onlinesupport@pobal.ie) or on 01-5117222. Queries can also be directed to SDCCC [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie).

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## AIM Level 7 – Additional Assistance

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 7 payments are linked to the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) contract and cannot be made prior to the ECCE contract being activated.

A number of prepayment checks must be carried out before an AIM payment can be made. These checks are as follows:

- A child that has been approved for AIM supports is registered on the ECCE Programme (or any of the other DCYA childcare programmes where the child is also eligible for the ECCE Programme) on PIP for the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) 2018/2019 programme call
- That the status of the AIM registration is at 'approved' on PIP
- To check the number of days of AIM Level 7 support does not exceed the number of days that the child is registered on PIP
- To ensure that the number of weeks of AIM Level 7 support agrees with the “start date” on the approved registration
- Any pre-payment conditions have been met by the pre-school provider

The first AIM Additional Assistance grant in relation to the September 2018 pre-school year will be paid to pre-school services on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

As an application for AIM must be submitted for each programme year the Department is unable to provide provisional payments until the checks referred to above have been carried out.

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## Additional ECCE Capitation for employing a LINC Graduate as an Inclusion Co-ordinator

The Leadership for Inclusion (LINC) higher education programme for early year's practitioners is being delivered by a consortium, led by Mary Immaculate College, Limerick together with Froebel Department of Primary and Early Childhood Education, Maynooth University and Early Childhood Ireland.

The LINC programme is fully funded by the DCYA and is **free** to participants. Additionally, each participating student will receive a once-off payment of €200 to assist with covering expenses arising from participation on the programme.

An application can be made for additional ECCE capitation to be paid to pre-school providers for employing a LINC graduate who has agreed to take on the role of Inclusion Co-ordinator in the pre-school setting,

Pobal, on behalf of the DCYA, processes applications for this additional ECCE capitation. The application process in relation to settings employing a previously approved LINC graduate opened in August 2018 for Early Years providers. The application process for 2018 LINC graduates will open on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018, after this year's LINC participants have been notified of their results and the complete list of qualifying 2018 LINC graduates is sent to DCYA/Pobal. However, please note, where a staff member is in place from the beginning of the pre-school year, the additional ECCE capitation will be back dated once the application is approved and will be included in the next payment.



## LINC Applications are now open for all 2018 and 2017 Graduates.

LINC Applications are now open for all 2018 and 2017 graduates. Please submit your application as soon as possible to avoid delay in receiving your LINC payments. LINC must be reapplied for each academic year. You will find your application form under the AIM tab at the top of the page.

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## Closures due to Storm Ali

Services unable to open safely due to weather conditions caused by Storm Ali, or services that have suffered storm damage or a disruption to utilities that forced them to close should invoke Force Majeure by downloading and completing the [Force Majeure form](#) from PIP and send onwards to [pipdocuments@pobal.ie](mailto:pipdocuments@pobal.ie) within four weeks. Should you require support with this process please contact Online Support by emailing [onlinesupport@pobal.ie](mailto:onlinesupport@pobal.ie) or call 01 511 7222



## Early Years and School Age Capital 2018

The expenditure form for both the Early Years and School Age Capital returns is now live on the PIP portal. Please log onto the PIP Portal to access the form, this form must be completed for each strand of funding you were successful under. Guidelines to help you fill in the form are available [here](#). We strongly suggest you read the guidelines thoroughly before submitting the completed forms. If you have any questions or queries with regards to the expenditure form please contact Pobal online support on [onlinesupport@pobal.ie](mailto:onlinesupport@pobal.ie) or (01)-5117222.



## CCS – August 2018 Expenditure Returns

Please be advised due to a technical issue with the release of the August 2018 CCS returns the majority of returns are filed to **Draft**, NOT New. You will find your CCS return there ready for completion.

If you have any queries please contact your Development Officer on 01 457 0122.



## Children First – Foundation Level Training

### **The Full Day Awareness Training (CP185)**

Due to an oversubscription for the last Child Protection Training session advertised (CP184 29<sup>th</sup> Sept) we have decided to have another Child Protection Training (Foundation Level) the following Saturday.

As we expect this training to be over-subscribed again we would strongly advise that you send in Booking Forms ASAP

**When:** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
**Time:** 9.30am to 5.30pm  
**Where:** The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel – Haughey Suite  
**Cost:** €15.00 per person

You can download the booking form [Booking Form CP185](#) or we have also attached a copy for you. Please return to [training@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:training@southdublinchildcare.ie) as soon as possible.

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## Compliance and Policies & Procedures

Following excellent feedback from early childhood services in 2017, the Compliance and Policies & Procedures information workshops are back again in 2018.

The Compliance and Policies & Procedures information workshops, delivered by Canavan Byrne, are split over two evening sessions lasting 3 hours each. These sessions are influenced by the pre-school regulations, the new quality regulatory framework and trends identified from early year's inspection reports to provide you with the most up to date information.

\*Both sessions are to be attended.

Session 1	Date	Time	Venue	Room
FREE	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	6.00pm – 9.00pm	Louis Fitzgerald Hotel	DeValera 1
Session 2	Date	Time	Venue	Room
FREE	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2018	6.00pm – 9.00pm	Louis Fitzgerald Hotel	Fitzgerald North

Please fill in the attached **booking form** and email to [training@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:training@southdublinchildcare.ie)



## Orders for Beep Beep Day 2018 Packs

National "Beep Beep Day" takes place on Friday 5th October 2018 during Irish Road Safety Week. Their warehouse will start to fulfil orders for "Beep Beep Day!" packs from this week. It is important that providers place their orders through the RSA Online Orders system in plenty of time to have their packs for 5th October. They have limited supply of stocks so providers should place their orders as soon as possible.

Providers have the option to request the following materials for their pack:

- Beep Beep Day High vis vests (Sizes: 2-4 year old and 4-6 year old)
- Beep Beep Day Poster
- Simon and Friends Parent's Guide

Orders can be made online at <http://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Photo-Gallery/20131/Beep-beep-day/> . All requests must be made through this system. They hope to get all packs which are ordered by 2nd October to all preschools in time for Beep Beep Day on 5th October.

Should you encounter any difficulties, please email [education@rsa.ie](mailto:education@rsa.ie)

