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National  
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# THE NATIONAL CHILDCARE SCHEME

The NCS Parent Support Centre  
Please call 01-9068530  
Opening Hours - Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm



[ncs.gov.ie](http://ncs.gov.ie)

# The National Childcare Scheme

Parents Support Phone Number **01 - 906 8530**

## Now open for calls

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### KEY DATES



## Key Dates for 2019

Below are some important dates to remember as we progress into 2019 including **closing dates** in red and **introduction dates** in green.

Events	Dates 2019
2019/20 PAU, fees lists and calendars	Monday 10th June
Programme Support Payment (PSP)	Friday 21st June, 3pm
PSP Payments	July 2019
Parent & Toddler Grant	Fri 12th July, 5pm
School Age Childcare 1:12 Ratio	August 2019
NCS Phase 2 Training	27th Aug - 4th Oct
First Aid Response (FAR) Q2	Fri 13th Sept, 5pm
Transitional Support Payment 2019	Fri 11th Oct, 3pm
NCS Capital	Fri 11th Oct, 3pm
School Age Childcare Public Survey	Fri 5th July, 5pm
Fees Lists & Calendars uploaded	Fri 16th August

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If you need any support on any of the above please contact your allocated Development Officer on 01 4570122.

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## **School-Age Childcare Open Policy Debate**

**As part of the public consultation on future regulations and standards for School-Age Childcare, the Minister recently hosted an Open Policy Debate. This generated rich discussions and offered us valuable insights from the sector on the priorities, the challenges and solutions to those challenges.**

A call for [submissions](#) and an online [public survey](#) on future regulations and standards for School-Age Childcare are open until 5pm on 5th July 2019. The DCYA would encourage individuals and organisations to participate. A report on the findings from the public consultation will be submitted to the Minister in early Autumn.

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## Parent and Toddler Grant 2019 – Applications OPEN!

The grant process for Parent & Toddler groups is now open for applications from New & Existing services. If you run a Parent & Toddler group within the South Dublin County Council region and would like to apply for the grant please contact South Dublin County Childcare Committee on 01-4570122 or by email to [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie)

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is COB **12th July 2019.**

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**An Roinn Leanaí  
agus Gnóthaí Óige**  
Department of Children  
and Youth Affairs

The June edition of the DCYA e-bulletin is now available to download. In this edition they have information updates for you from across the Early Years Division at the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.

The following topics are featured in this month's edition and much more!

- First 5 - Developing a new Funding Model for Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare
- Programme calls 2019/20 - Contracting Process

- School-Age Childcare Open Policy Debate
- National Childcare Scheme Contracts
- Compliance

Read our latest Early Years e-Bulletin by clicking the button below.

[Read e-Bulletin](#)

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## National Childcare Scheme Feedback

We would like to thank everyone who attended our first delivery of National Childcare Scheme training (Phase 1), which finished in May 2019. Over 250 Early Years professionals attended an NCS Phase 1 Training session in the South Dublin area. Feedback has been positive, yet cognisant of the necessity for further information relating to the new programme.

South Dublin CCC will commence phase 2 training on the 27th of August 2019.

These sessions will provide practical training on the use of the National Childcare Scheme's IT system, covering both the service provider portal and the parent application process. All sessions will be advertised over the new few weeks.

If you have any questions regarding phase 1 or 2 training, please contact us on (01) 457 0122 or via email [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie).



## **Sustainability Supports Available**

Ensuring early years services remain sustainable is of key importance to South Dublin CCC. We would like to remind services of the sustainability supports available from the team to help support you towards a more sustainable future. The '*Sustainable Services Programme*' has been developed to support services on a 1:1 basis using a variety of tools.

If you would like to speak with a member of the team around sustainability concerns, please contact us on 01 457 0122 or [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie)

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## Child Protection & Welfare Practice Handbook 2

Tusla – Child and Family Agency, have launched its new ***Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook 2***. The *Practice Handbook 2* is published as a companion document to the 2011 HSE Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook and *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children* (DCYA 2017).

The content of the Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook 2 was compiled from submissions from numerous stakeholders and content experts, both within Tusla and from partner agencies with particular expertise. The new *Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook 2* is written for use by front-line social workers, their line managers and other professionals. Practice Handbook 2 is divided into four sections, following the categories identified in *Children First: National Guidance* (DCYA 2017: 11–12): Parent or Carer Factors, Child Factors, Community Factors, and Environmental Factors. Chapters are provided under each of these headings on factors identified in *Children First: National Guidance* as well as some additional areas. Chapters provide a short description of each topic area, followed by some key messages from research and a practice note to assist professionals in making evidence informed decisions and judgements.

The Child Protection and Welfare Practice Handbook 2 can be found on the

Tusla Website;

[https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla\\_Child\\_Protection\\_Handbook2.pdf](https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Tusla_Child_Protection_Handbook2.pdf)

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## **Tusla - Garda Vetting Agreements for Boards of Management**

Compliance with Garda Vetting for Boards of Management and certain ancillary Staff Members

**Please click the link above for guidance from Tusla Child & Families Agency regarding Vetting.**

**If you have any queries please contact us on 01 4570122 or email: [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie)**

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## **Always Children First: Child Safeguarding Awareness Training**

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>1.30pm – 5.00pm</b>	<b>Louis Fitzgerald Hotel</b>
	<b>AND</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>1.30pm – 5pm</b>	<b>Louis Fitzgerald Hotel</b>

\*Both sessions are compulsory

The *Always Children First: Child Safeguarding Awareness Training* is the most up to date national training now available. Before attending, participants must complete the [Children First E-Learning Programme](#) and forward your completed certificate to [training@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:training@southdublinchildcare.ie).

The cost of training is €15 per person, and must be paid directly into the below back account

To book a place, please email your E Certificate to [training@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:training@southdublinchildcare.ie) and we will send you a booking form.