

News Bulletin - South Dublin Childcare Committee

W/ending 15th September 2019



South Dublin CCC - Weekly News Bulletin

Welcome to this weeks' News Bulletin.

Word of
the Week
Busy

Like everyone in Early Years Sector at the moment we are extremely busy and experiencing a high volume of phone calls and emails. We ask your patience and understanding if we cannot answer your query immediately or if

the phone is not answered, we have a voicemail and if you leave your name and number we will return your call as soon as we can. Hopefully this will be resolved in the coming weeks and service will return to normal.

In this weeks' edition we have the following articles

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National Childcare Scheme – Phase 2 Training

Have you booked your place yet for this important training?.

We cannot stress how important this training is as you will be working off a totally new platform and software for this scheme.

- This training will take you through a demonstration on how the system works.

- Don't get left behind, parents will be arriving with their "Chicks" by end of October.
- **[Book your place now on Eventbrite.](#)**
- Two venues available (Clondalkin and Tallaght)
- Varying Times and Days to cater for all service providers
- All sessions are delivered in a computer suite so you don't need to bring your laptop, tablet etc.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/south-dublin-county-childcare-committee-19427422632>

To read more about The National Childcare Scheme please see our [website](#).



Key Dates 2019

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

	Dates	Events
Closing Date	Friday 13 th September	➤ NCS Transition Support Payment – Application deadline
Introduction Date	Friday 20 th September	➤ ECCE Registration based payments begin
Closing Date	Friday 27 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ECCE Registrations 2018/19 – All amendments need to be completed by this date ➤ Learner Fund Bursary Application deadline
Closing Date	Thursday 10 th October	➤ Last NCS Phase 2 Training session today (Book Here)

Closing Date	Friday 11 th October	➤ NCS Capital Applications close at 3pm
Closing Date	Saturday 31 st October	➤ Your Application for LINC based increased capitation must be completed. See article on AIM below for more info
Introductory Date	Friday 6 th December	➤ Payments for Amended 2018/19 ECCE registrations will be issued



REMINDER: NCS TSP applications closing

This is a reminder to Service Providers that the closing date for online applications to the National Childcare Scheme Transition Support Payment Fund (NCS TSP) is **13th September 2019 @3pm**

In order to apply for NCS TSP, Service Providers must have an activated NCS 2019 contract on PIP.

Late applications past this date will not be accepted, under any circumstances.



Learner Fund Bursary 2019

The DCYA have confirmed a Learner Fund Bursary for Autumn 2019 as follows:

Early Years Workers Graduate Bursary Autumn 2019.

As per previous years, the award must be placed at level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2013 - 2019.

Please download the relevant documents below

[Learner Fund Graduate Bursary Guidelines Autumn 2019](#)

[Learner Fund Bursary Application Form Autumn 2019](#)

The full terms and conditions of the bursary are listed in the Bursary Guidelines (attached)

Applications are open **Monday 19th August 2019** and deadline for acceptance of applications is **Friday 27th September 2019 5pm.**

Official Transcripts only will be accepted in place of a certificate. These are stamped and signed by the college and must be requested from the college. Print outs from the student portal will not be accepted. Official transcripts can take up to 4 weeks to be sent once requested. We would suggest applicants who have not yet been conferred apply to their college for official transcripts asap.

All Applications must be completed and posted with relevant documentation to:

Elizabeth Hayes
c/o South Dublin Childcare Committee
Clondalkin Civic Offices
9th Lock Road
Clondalkin
Dublin 22

If you have any queries on this bursary please contact us on

email: info@southdublinchildcare.ie or phone: 01 457 0122.

We wish you all the best of luck with your application.



Tusla Registered Childminder Bursary Autumn 2019

Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders - eligible applicants are those Childminders registered with Tusla and hold a full Level 5 or Level 6 award on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2013 - 2019 inclusive.

Please download relevant documents below:

[Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders Guidelines Autumn 2019](#)

[Learner Fund Bursary for Childminders Application Form Autumn 2019](#)

[Application for DCYA reference number for Childminders Learner Fund Bursary Autumn 2019](#)

In respect to both LF Graduate and LF Childminder applications, the following process applies:

South Dublin County Childcare Committee will process and appraise all Learner Fund Bursary applications.

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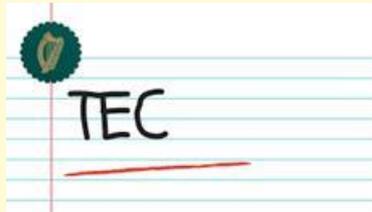
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ECCE – Minimum Number Exemptions

If your service does not meet the Minimum Number required for ECCE of 8 Children, you can apply to us for a Minimum Number Exemption. Please find attached guidelines for this exemption. If you would like an exemption please fill in the attached form Minimum Enrolment Exemption Form. You can email us the completed form info@southdublinchildcare.ie to request an exemption.



CETS Registrations 2019/20

We are issuing CETS Places and approving TEC registrations on a daily basis for the start of the Programme year, so please check your PIP after requesting a CETS place as it will probably have been issued the same day. As always when requesting a CETS place please use the attached CETS Request form and email to cets@southdublinchildcare.ie . If you have any queries please call us on 01 457 0122



Early Learning Childcare & School Aged Childcare Capital Guidelines

The expenditure form for both the Early Years and School Age Capital returns will be live on the PIP portal from 1pm on the 12th of September.

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 or (01)-5117222.



Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) Pilot Project

The Department of Education and Skills is looking to select two early learning and care settings to participate in a pilot project which will run over three years with the aim to improve learner competence, confidence and disposition to Irish in English-medium schools and early learning and care settings. The approach being piloted (CLIL) provides for the delivery of aspects of the curriculum through a language that is not the medium of instruction in the school. The settings must be participating in the ECCE programme and implementing the Aistear curriculum framework.

As part of the project, CPD resources and training will be provided to participating settings. If you are interested in learning more about this project and applying to participate, you will find the application form and further information at the following link:

<https://www.education.ie/en/The-Education-System/20-Year-Strategy-for-the-Irish-Language/>



Tusla Annual Report for 2018

Tusla - Child and Family Agency published its [Annual Report for 2018](#) today. The report details Tusla's service activities and progress made in its fifth year of operation. During 2018, the agency managed 55,136 child protection and welfare referrals, which is more than one referral every ten minutes. Further to this, 24,211 children received family support services from Tusla, including 1,734 Meitheal early intervention processes initiated.

Speaking about the Annual Report 2018, Brian Lee, National Director of Quality Assurance, Tusla said: "Tusla made significant progress in a number of key areas in 2018, and provided supports and services that improved outcomes for children and families across Ireland. We are committed to building on the many improvements already made to ensure we continue to provide and enhance the quality of services to children and families in communities across the country.

[Read More](#)



National Beep Beep Day

National Beep Beep Day 2019 will take place on Friday, 11 October, during Irish Road Safety Week.

RSA are now accepting orders online for Beep Beep Day packs. It is important that providers place their orders, without delay, to have their packs delivered to them in time.

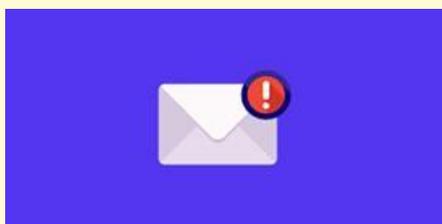
Orders for Beep Beep packs will only be accepted via this link: <http://bit.ly/BeepBeepDay>

Providers have the option to request the following materials in 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

They only have limited stock available across all items so providers should order now to avoid disappointment.

Should you have any queries or difficulties, please feel free to email education@rsa.ie



Tip of the Week

We loved this article from Cork CCC -

Business Email Addresses

Have you considered setting up business email addresses for your childcare service?

There are several reasons they can be very useful.

1. If you already have a domain name for a company website, you can use it for your email addresses. For example, we have the domain name corkchildcare.ie and all of our email addresses are @corkchildcare.ie. We are already paying for the domain name, we might as well use it to its full potential. However, if you don't have a website, you can still buy a domain name that you can use for email addresses.
2. It looks very professional and helps advertise your business.
3. You can standardise your company email addresses, you aren't restricted to whatever is left on Gmail, Hotmail or Yahoo.
4. Personal emails and company business don't mix. If your employees are using their personal emails for business purposes, what happens when they leave? Do they take your business emails with them? Having your own email address enables you to give your staff a personalised, business email account (just make sure you have a strong email policy!)
5. You can create 'position' emails that help parents contact you. You could have payments@xyzchildcare.ie or preschoolroom@xyzchildcare.ie whatever suits your business. It also means that you have control of those email addresses, so if someone does leave, they don't take the emails with them.
6. When setting up new user roles for NCS (it becomes apparent in the Phase 2 training if you haven't done that yet) standardised emails will be very useful.

If you have any questions or require and further information, contact us on 01 457 0122

