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**We would like to wish all our Service Providers, Childcare Staff, Board Members a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful 2020!**

### **Closing Hours for Christmas Period**

**Monday 23/12/19 – Closing ½ Day  
Tues 24/12/19 to Thur 2/01/20 (Inc) – Closed for Christmas**

**Reopening at 8am on Friday 3rd January 2020!**

We looking forward to supporting you in 2020, please call 01 457 0122 or email [info@southdublinchildcare.ie](mailto:info@southdublinchildcare.ie)

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## Key Dates 2019/20

Below are some important dates to remember as we finish up 2019 and head into 2020 including **closing dates** in red and **introduction dates** in green.

	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	➤ ECCE Additional payment for services opening week beginning 30/12/19
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	➤ Higher Cap preliminary payment
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	➤ 1 <sup>st</sup> CCSP "Saver" Window opens
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	➤ CCSP 1 <sup>st</sup> payment in 2020 to cover 2 wk period to 17/01/20
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	➤ Higher Cap 1 <sup>st</sup> 4 wk payment of 2020 to cover to 31/01/2020
<b>Introductory Date</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	➤ TEC 1 <sup>st</sup> 2020 payment to cover 2 wk period to 24/01/20
<b>Closing Date</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	➤ CCSP "Saver" Window Closing
<b>Closing Date</b>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	➤ TEC Registrations will close permanently

## Early Years Provider Centre and Parent Support Centre Christmas Opening Hours

There will be reduced opening hours in the Early Years Provider Centre over the Christmas and New Year's period.

The Parent Support Centre opening times for this period can also be found below, please share this information

with any parents/guardians who you believe may be interested.

### **Early Years Provider Centre - 01 511 7222**

Monday	23rd December	8am - 6pm
Tuesday	24th December	8am - 4pm
Wednesday	25th December	Closed
Thursday	26th December	Closed
Friday	27th December	10am - 3:30pm
Monday	30th December	10am - 3:30pm
Tuesday	31st December	10am - 3:30pm
Wednesday	1st January	Closed
Thursday	2nd January	8am - 6pm

### **Parent Support Centre - 01 906 8530**

Monday	23rd December	8am - 6pm
Tuesday	24th December	8am - 6pm
Wednesday	25th December	Closed
Thursday	26th December	Closed
Friday	27th December	8am - 6pm
Saturday	28th December	Closed
Monday	30th December	8am - 6pm
Tuesday	31st December	8am - 6pm
Wednesday	1st January	Closed
Thursday	2nd January	8am - 6pm

Normal working hours will resume from Friday, 3rd January.

## Christmas 2019 Payments Arrangements

### **ECCE**

The ECCE payment schedule has been structured to ensure that services receive 4 weeks' payments in advance, this takes into account standard non-payment weeks such as Christmas, Easter, Halloween.

On 22/11/19 services received a payment up to the 27/12/19 (a 5-week period); for most services this was 4 weeks in advance (there is one non-payable (wb 23/12/19) included in this period).

It has been agreed with DCYA to make an additional payment on 20/12/19 to pay services which will be open in the week beginning 30/12/19.

Higher Capitation: an additional preliminary payment will be made on 20/12/19 to services that have made applications prior to 06/12/19 and have not been approved or declined. The payment will cover entitlement from beginning of the programme year to 27/12/19 (adjusted for any existing pre-payments). Because of the bank holiday, the first payment in 2020 to cover the 4-week period to 31/01/20 will be made on 08/01/20.

### **SAVERS**

The CCSP/TEC payment schedules have been structured to ensure that services normally receive 2 weeks' payments in advance.

### **CCSP**

There were two payments scheduled at the end of the year:

06/12/19 - payment up to 20/12/19 (a 2-week payment)

13/12/19 - payment to cover week from 23/12/19 to 27/12/19

It has been agreed with DCYA that the payment to be made on 13/12/19 will now be calculated up to 03/01/20 (a 2-week payment).

Because of the bank holiday, the first payment in 2020 to cover the 2-week period to 17/01/20 will be made on 08/01/20.

## TEC

There is one payment scheduled at the end of the year:  
13/12/19 - payment up to 10/01/20 (a 4-week payment)  
This payment will remain as is.

The first payment in 2020 will be made on 10/01/20 to cover the 2-week period to 24/01/20.

## NCS

Service Providers will need to submit an attendance return between 23:00hrs on Sunday night 22/12/19 to midnight Wednesday 25/12/19 in order to get paid for previous week registrations (week ending Sunday 22/12/19).

If services are closed (with a full closed paid week entered on their calendar) and are unable to submit the attendance return for week ending 22/12/19 and week ending 29/12/19, they have the option to request a bridging provision when submitting the return for week ending 15/12/19.

Because of Christmas bank holidays, returns submitted Sunday 22/12/19 to Wednesday 25/12/19 cannot be processed for payment until 27/12/19 and will be in service providers' bank accounts on Monday 30/12/19.

Returns submitted 29/12/19 to 01/01/20 will be paid as normal on Friday 03/01/20.

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## CCSP Savers' Windows

Reminder: Savers Management Windows Open on 20th December, 2019

This is a reminder that the Savers Management Window will open on **Friday 20th December until 13th January**.

Only changes to existing CCSP registrations can be made during this period. New registrations cannot be made on CCSP/U or RT programmes.

For more information, please refer to the [NCS Savers 2019 FAQs](#) which are available on the PIP Portal under 'Resources'.

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## Top Tips for NCS

1. Contracting: Once you have completed all the "My Account" steps you need to active your contract on the hive. This is done through the "PROGRAMMES" tab. If this step is not complete you will have difficulty registering children.
2. When making a registration please be sure to add the "CLAIMED HOURS" before submitting the registration. Steps for this process are:
  - Retrieve the CHICK
  - Enter the start and end dates of the registration

- Enter the claimed hours
- Submit and confirm the registration
- Only when all of the above steps are completed will the parent will receive a notification to confirm the claim on the applicant portal.

## Incomplete Registrations on NCS

Please note if you have incomplete registrations on NCS they will not be included in your weekly attendance returns.

There are a number of registration steps that you must complete for the registration to be submitted so that the parent will receive a notification to confirm the claim.

### Registration Steps

- Retrieve the CHICK
- Enter the start and end dates of the registration
- Enter the claimed hours
- Submit and confirm the registration

Only when all of the above steps are completed will the parent will receive a notification to confirm the claim on the applicant portal.

Once the parent confirms the claim then it is deemed valid and will be included in the weekly attendance return for payment.

In order to complete any outstanding registrations for your service please take the following steps:

- Select Registrations from the top menu on the HIVE
- Click Child Register
- On the left hand side select the dropdown arrow entitled 'current'
- Select 'pending parent confirmation' and any incomplete registrations will be displayed here
- Click on the orange triangle on the right of the child's name
- Select view
- On the right of the CHICK select the orange triangle again
- View/Edit weeks

A video outlining the steps involved in registering a child with your service is available on the NCS YouTube Channel. Click [HERE](#) to view the registrations video.

If you have any queries please contact EYPC at 01 5117222

## All Early Years Providers in Newcastle/Saggart/Rathcoole Area

We would be very grateful if you would disseminate the following information to your parents.

Attn: All Parents in Newcastle/Saggart/Rathcoole area

Newcastle\_Rathcoole (Saggart)

Will your child start primary school between 2020 and 2024?

A new gaelscoil primary school for the Newcastle\_Rathcoole/Saggart and surrounding area will open in September 2020.

You might be eligible to give your view on who runs the new school at: <https://patronage.education.gov.ie/>

An dtosóidh do pháiste sa bhunscoil idir 2020 agus 2024?

Osclófar gaelscoil nua don Caisleán Nua\_Ráth Cúil (Teach Sagard) agus don cheantar máguaird i Meán Fómhair 2020.

D'fhéadfá a bheith i dteideal do thuairim a thabhairt ar cé a ritheann an gaelscoil nua ag:

<https://patronage.education.gov.ie/>

## Annual Early Years Sector Profile Report 2018/19 – Press Release from DCYA

Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, Dr Katherine Zappone TD Launches Annual Early Years Sector Profile Report 2018 /2019

Published: 16 December 2019

From: [Department of Children and Youth Affairs](#)

Key findings at a glance:

nine in every ten children enrolled in early learning and care and school-age childcare settings (185,971 children in total) were in receipt of State subsidies provided through at least one of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs funding programmes

2,388 settings were supported under the Access and Inclusion Model (AIM), in respect of 5,513 children. Relative to the previous year, there was a 22% increase in the number of settings receiving support under AIM and an increase of 34% in the number of children supported the average weekly fee for full day provision is €184.36. This represents an increase of €6.44 or 3.6% since last year. Fees charged by settings in affluent locations, on average are 33% higher than settings in disadvantages areas. Fees are also higher in urban areas than in rural areas (€191.33 and €165.76, respectively for full day provision per week), and in private settings than in community settings (€190.74 and €168.12, respectively for full day provision per week)

[Read more](#)

## National Síolta Aistear Initiative, Aistear & Play CPD (through Better Start National Early Years Quality Development)

***Aistear & Play CPD was developed by a working group with representation from the National Síolta Aistear Initiative, the Early Years Education Inspectorate, DES, NCCA & Better Start.***

Aistear & Play CPD comprises of 5 individual workshops (2 & 1/2 hours each) and two on-site support visits with an Early Years Specialist to support you to apply the learning from the training in your setting. This CPD will be delivered by Better Start Quality Early Years Specialists. Please note full attendance at all workshops and participation in both onsite visits is required to receive NSAI certification and CPD payment (if eligible).  
PIP Advance Notification

National Síolta Aistear Initiative, Aistear & Play CPD (through Better Start National Early Years Quality Development)

The National Síolta Aistear Initiative is a collaboration between the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, the Department of Education and Skills, Better Start National Early Years Quality Development and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. The purpose of the initiative is to support the coordinated roll out of Síolta and Aistear, the national quality and curriculum Frameworks.

This CPD will be eligible for the DCYA CPD funding pilot payment subject to terms and conditions. The next round of Aistear & Play CPD will take place between March 2020-May 2020. Aistear and Play will be available to a limited number of settings in the following locations: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork City, Cork County, Dublin City, Dublin South, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Fingal, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois/Offaly, Leitrim/Roscommon, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo, Waterford, Westmeath/Longford, Wexford and Wicklow.

We are now inviting early learning and care settings who wish to apply for a place on this CPD to submit a completed expression of interest form through Survey Monkey which can be found [HERE](#). Further information on the CPD is also provided through this link. Please direct any queries to [NSAI@betterstart.ie](mailto:NSAI@betterstart.ie)

We have attached an information leaflet for your convenience.

