

Early Years & Childcare Business Newsletter

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Welcome and thank you for taking the time to read our latest Business Newsletter, we hope you find it useful to support you with the ongoing sustainability of your business. If you have anything that you would like to see included in future editions do let us know and please contact us for any further support or advice.

Email: earlyyears@warwickshire.gov.uk

Websites: [Early years and childcare settings during COVID-19](#)
[Early Years & Childcare Providers](#)

Early Years and Childcare Sustainability Officers

We are pleased to introduce Ben Diaper & Louise Canning who have recently taken up their roles as Early Years & Childcare Sustainability Officers throughout Warwickshire.

Ben Diaper – Areas: North Warwickshire / Nuneaton & Bedworth / North Rugby

Professional experience – I have previously worked for Dudley MBC working for Early Years & Childcare Strategy Team & Family Information Service. I am looking forward to working with you all and delighted to have joined the team. My contact details are:

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Louise Canning – Areas: Stratford / Warwick & Leamington / South Rugby
(Working week Monday to Thursday)

Professional experience- I am delighted to have joined the team, having worked within early years for most of my career, including private nurseries, Children Centres and an advisory role within Gloucestershire County Council. Until recently my role was business support for a medium size nursery including responsibility for Early Education Funding. I look forward to making visits throughout my areas and meeting you.

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Business & Financial Support News

Funding Rates for Academic year 2022/2023

A reminder of the new funding rates for the next financial year starting in the Summer term 2022 are:

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- 2 Year Old Entitlement = £5.66 per hour
- 3 & 4 year old Entitlements = £4.30 per hour
- Early Years Pupil Premium, EYPP = 60p weighting added to the standard rate for 3 & 4 year olds
- Deprivation Factor, DF = 60p weighting added to the standard rate for 3 & 4 year olds
- Disability Access Fund, DAF = Annual payment of £800 per calendar year

Tax Free Childcare

Tax Free Childcare is a UK wide offer. Eligible parents with children under 12 can get up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs (or up to £4,000 for disabled children under 17). Providers will only be able to receive Tax Free Childcare payments from their customers once they have signed up to Tax Free Childcare. For further information on Tax Free Childcare and other support

Last month, Hempsalls hosted webinars on Tax Free Childcare which has been recorded and shared for all to access. You can find the provider webinar recording here: <https://www.hempsalls.com/tax-free-childcare-with-hmrc>

Early Years Pupil Premium- (EYPP)

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional funding paid termly, based on the funded hours claimed, to providers who have children receiving the 3 & 4 year funding universal entitlement and where the child's parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits or other qualifying criteria is met. Providers are able to use this extra funding to support each eligible child to improve outcomes for them. For any children that are eligible to claim, parents / carers are encouraged to make an application via the parent declaration form. This can be found in Part 3 under Additional Entitlement Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP). Further details can be found on the below link:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families/help-childcare-costs/4>

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Clear and transparent fee information

As part of the WCC Provider Agreement and the Guidance & Requirements of Early Education Funding for 2, 3 & 4 year olds, providers are expected to have clear and transparent fees information available for parents showing the funded hours at £0 charge and any additional charges for extra hours or services including any voluntary charges, shown separately.

Fundraising and finding funds

Here are some useful websites to check for any funding grants that may be available:

- Warwickshire CAVA—<https://www.wcava.org.uk/>
- Warwickshire CAVA Covid-19 Funding / Grants—[COVID-19 - Funding/Grants | www.wcava.org.uk](https://www.wcava.org.uk/COVID-19-Funding/Grants)
- Heart of England Community Foundation—<https://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/>
- Warwickshire County Council Grants and Local funding—<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants>
- The National Lottery—<https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding>

Warwickshire Means Business

Warwickshire County Council produces a monthly Warwickshire Means Business newsletter with all the latest updates for Warwickshire businesses including information on funding grants, events and different business focuses each month. Please [click here](#) to read March's edition and subscribe to future newsletters.

Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

For the latest local information and information about the current ARG schemes, please visit your local district or borough council websites by clicking on the name's below:

- [North Warwickshire Borough Council](#)
- [Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council](#)
- [Rugby Borough Council](#)
- [Warwick District Council](#)
- [Stratford on Avon District Council](#)

Useful Business Support Websites & Contacts

Starting up a childcare business

Information and tips on setting up and running your own business

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/business>

Charity Commission

Useful information on setting up and running a charity

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

Companies House

Information on starting up and running a company

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

Staff Employment – ACAS

Advice and information on staff employment matters

<https://www.acas.org.uk/>

PACEY - Business Smart

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/business-smart/about-business-smart/>

Find useful briefings, DfE guidance and slides from events and training

<https://app-t1pr-seycp.azurewebsites.net/resources.htm>

Government help with childcare costs for parents

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Group setting cost calculator co-produced with Merton and PACEY through DSF funding

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/nurseries/group-setting-cost-calculator/>

<https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/nurseries/group-setting-occupancy-tool/>

Warwickshire County Council Warwickshire Insights

Warwickshire Insights provides statistical information about local areas in Warwickshire

<https://data.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

Out of School Alliance

Information and support to individuals and organisations setting up and running out of school clubs, holiday clubs and playschemes.

<https://www.outofschoolalliance.co.uk/>

The Pensions Regulator

Information and guidance on staff pensions and the responsibility of the employer

<https://www.thepensionsregulator.gov.uk/>

Coram Family and Childcare's resources are designed to help professionals working in childcare and early years

<https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/resources-professionals>

NDNA – Business Zone NDNA Business Zone

http://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/News/Early_Years_Business_Zone.aspx

Early Years Alliance – Business and Management

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/business-and-management>

<https://www.eyalliance.org.uk/cost-delivery-calculator>

Foundation Years – Business Planning

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/2019/08/business-planning/>

Warwickshire County Council Family Information Service

Free advertising for your childcare business on the childcare directory.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

Support and advice for your early years business

<https://www.earlyyearsbusinesszone.org.uk/>

Early years business sustainability

Advice, examples and resources to help early years providers run a sustainable business

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-business-sustainability>

Warwickshire County Council Childcare Sufficiency Assessment

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childcaretypes>

Warwickshire County Council Support for businesses & suppliers

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/coronavirusbusinesssupport>