

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

Website: [Early Years & Childcare Providers](#)

Contact details for Early Years Sufficiency and Business Support

Please can you ensure going forward that any enquiries or queries you may have around Early Years Sufficiency and Business Support are e-mailed to earlyyears@warwickshire.gov.uk

Cost of living—Energy Support for business

Energy Bill Relief Scheme (EBRS)

The EBRS will provide a price reduction to ensure that all businesses and other non-domestic customers are protected from excessively high energy bills over the winter period. Non-domestic customers do not need to take action or apply to the scheme – support will automatically be applied to bills.

The EBRS will be available to all business, voluntary sector and public sector organisations who are:

- o on existing fixed price contracts (agreed on or after 1 April 2022 irrespective if the contract has commenced before 1st October 2022)
- o signing new fixed price contracts
- o on deemed/out of contract or variable tariffs, or
- o on flexible purchase (or similar) contracts.

The price reduction will run initially for 6 months, covering energy use from 1st October 2022 until 31st March 2023.

The scheme is only applicable to energy consumption delivered via the gas or electricity grid. If you're not connected to either the gas or electricity grid, equivalent support will also be provided for non-domestic consumers who use heating oil or alternative fuels instead of gas. Further detail on this will be announced shortly.

BEIS will undertake a review of the scheme in 3 months' time with a view to consider how best to offer further support, in particular to customers who are the most vulnerable to energy price increases. These are likely to be those who are least able to adjust, for example by reducing energy usage or increasing energy efficiency. At the end of the initial 6-month support scheme, those who are deemed eligible will continue to receive support without a gap.

Further information can be found via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/energy-bill-relief-scheme-help-for-businesses-and-other-non-domestic-customers>

Domestic v non-domestic energy contract

Eligibility for financial support schemes is dependent on whether a business, voluntary sector or public sector organisation ("businesses") is on a domestic or non-domestic energy contract. Businesses that have domestic contracts (i.e., household contracts) are covered by the £400 **Energy Bills Support Scheme** in addition to the **Energy Price Guarantee**. Businesses that have non-domestic contracts (i.e., commercial contracts) are covered by the **Energy Bill Relief Scheme**.

If their energy supplier has not reached out to them yet or they have any questions about their contract, businesses are encouraged to contact their energy supplier. Owners of businesses can also contact the government's Business Support Helpline for free and impartial advice. In addition, Citizens Advice offers free independent advice about business energy contracts and rights.

Contacts

Owners of Early Years settings (including childminders) can contact the government's Business Support Helpline for free and impartial advice at enquiries@businesssupporthelpline.org or 0800 998 1098. Equally, Citizens Advice offers free independent advice about business energy contracts and consumer rights. Citizens Advice can be reached via phone at 0808 223 1133 or on their website: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>.

Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund 2022-2023 Round 2

Warwickshire County Council Councillors' Grant Fund is aimed at community and voluntary organisations. The Fund provides each of the County's 57 Councillors with a pot of £8,000 to support small-scale projects within their division. For more information please [click here](#).

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](#)
- 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 the latest edition from Sept 22 and subscribe to future newsletters.

Additional supplements – Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP), Deprivation Factor (DF) Disability Access Fund (DAF)

For those settings claiming early education funding, there are also additional supplements that can be added, subject to eligibility, to the early education funding. Further information can be found via:

<https://schools.warwickshire.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-providers/early-education-funding-2-3-4-year-olds/3>

Tax Free Childcare

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 please [click here](#).

Information for Voluntary, Charitable and Committee Run Provisions

Ofsted Blog—Committee run Childcare: What you need to know

Ofsted have developed a blog which explains what committee-run childcare is and what Ofsted's role is in checking the suitability of committee members, trustees and directors. Please [click here](#) to view

Free coaching conversation support for not-for-profits / charities and discounted management training

CAPE are looking for charities or not for profits to help them connect their participants with individuals who would welcome impactful coaching style conversations about their career opportunities, employment challenges and performance at work.

The ideal individual being coached will be;

- Either an employee, volunteer, or service user of a charity
- Not in an established career path, or going through career change or with significant challenges in their role.
- Has limited access to other coaching or mentoring support

Further information can be found via <http://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/CAPE-volunteering-coaching-brief-September-2022.pdf>

If you are interested in knowing more about CAPE and having a conversation about working together, please contact Lynsey Kitching on 07834 161632 or email lynsey@wearyourcape.co.uk

Warwickshire CAVA—Trustees & Governance Resource Library

CAVA have developed and gathered a wide range of online resources and downloadable documents to support and assist voluntary and community organisations. Please find more information here—<https://www.wcava.org.uk/resourcelibrary/trustees-and-governance>

Trustees' Week—7-11 November 2022

Trustees' week is an annual event to showcase the great work you do and provide opportunities for everyone to get involved and make a difference. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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>