



# Services for Young Children

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## Childminders: Spring Term Headcount

Please remember that if you are a childminder who is new to making an online claim, you will need to attend one of our online headcount webinars. Attendance at this must happen before you claim EYE this month.

Online Headcount Webinar	<b>For EYE Childminders</b> - A must if you are new to online claiming.  All webinars start promptly at 7pm	Weds 6 January Tues 12 January Thurs 14 January Mon 18 January
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In addition, the team will be available to lend a hand with any queries for **Childminders** regarding making your headcount claim. These sessions have **limited places, please book in advance.**

Basingstoke and Deane	Thursday 21 January	9.30 – 11.30
Eastleigh	Monday 18 January	9.30 – 11.30
East Hants	Monday 25 January	9.30 – 11.30
Fareham and Gosport	Wednesday 20 January	10.00 - 12.00
Hart	Friday 22 January	9.30 – 11.30
Havant	Thursday 21 January	9.30 – 11.30
New Forest	Wednesday 20 January	9.30 – 11.30
Rushmoor	Wednesday 20 January	9.30 – 11.30
Test Valley	Wednesday 20 January	9.30 – 11.30
Winchester	Friday 22 January	9.30 – 11.30

### **EYE Provider Briefings – for all EYE Childminders who are registered to take EYE funding.**

You are welcome to join us – whether you have claimed EYE funding recently or not, all EYE approved childminders are welcome.

We have listened to your feedback – as soon as we know what the agenda will be, we will share that via the HCC Blog, and our Facebook Group.

Places are limited in each venue so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Basingstoke and Deane	Tuesday 22 March
Eastleigh	Thursday 17 March
East Hampshire	Monday 14 March
Fareham and Gosport	Tuesday 1 March
Hart and Rushmoor	Tuesday 22 March
Havant	Tuesday 15 March
New Forest	Wednesday 2 March
Test Valley	Monday 7 March
Winchester	Tuesday 15 March

## HMRC Live Webinar on Tax and NI issues affecting Childminders

Childminders can register to join a Webinar put on by HMRC by clicking on this link.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8811349116895639297>

After you have registered you will receive an email informing you how to join the webinar.

## Newly registered Childminders and Group Providers

The future of the **Childcare New Business Grant Scheme** is currently under review. While this review takes place, the current scheme will remain open to new applications up to and including the 19 February 2016. Claimants accepted to the scheme will have until the 19 May 2016 to submit a valid Ofsted or CMA certificate to enable the grant payment to be made.

Minister for Women and Equalities Nicky Morgan said: "Working families benefit from a thriving childcare sector, with the scheme supporting up to 3,000 new childcare businesses in the next financial year. I am pleased to inform the House that, from this April (2015), we are doubling the value of the grants available to childminders and nurseries. We will also extend the scheme to existing childcare businesses that have been trading for under one year."

Applications will be accepted for new business and new businesses who are operating within the first 12 months since the receipt of their Ofsted or CMA certificate.

If you have previously applied for and been in receipt of a Childcare Business Grant you are not eligible to apply again.

To read more and apply please go to: <http://www.childcarebusinessgrants.dcms.gov.uk/index.htm>

## Business Email Addresses

As childminders will now be aware, we will only email you using the business email addresses Hampshire County Council has set up for all providers. If you experience any problems accessing your emails, or sending and receiving emails, please contact your local Services for Young Children (SfYC) local offices (<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/useful-contacts/sfyc-local-offices.htm>) for further support.

**Group settings** – this term we will introduce our new Webinar for committee-run settings

<b>Group settings:</b> Committee roles and responsibilities	For all new, existing or prospective group committee members wishing to learn more about their role and responsibilities as a committee member.	Thursday 21 January Thursday 25 February Thursday 24 March
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## Common Inspection Framework Webinars

Last term we offered Common Inspection Framework Webinars for all our childminders; we were really surprised at the take-up and in the end, we ran 5 webinars with 109 people attending.

This term we are again offering Common Inspection Framework webinars, but we are targeting the audience at childminders and group settings with an Ofsted inspection grading of below Good.

Our first Webinar will be **Thursday 11 February from 7pm.**

## **Ofsted updates**

There were a total of 238 Ofsted inspections across Hampshire last term, 181 childminder inspections and 57 group inspections. The overall rate is positive with 201 Good or Outstanding. As a result of these inspections, we offer the following reminders:

**Groups** – you must inform Ofsted when there are any changes to the management – including changes to the committee. This must be done using the online EY2 and EY3 forms. Please do not rely on a telephone conversation, or a letter to update that information with Ofsted.

**Childminders** – We still see a number of childminders who remain on the Early Years Register without any children on roll. If you are not currently working but remain registered with Ofsted you will still be subject to an Ofsted inspection. Please remember that the Early Years Register requires you to keep an up-to-date first aid certificate, appropriate Public Liability Insurance, and you must keep your safeguarding knowledge and understanding current.

## **Meet the team: Tiffany Morris**



**Occupation:** Quality Adviser in the New Forest

**Qualifications:** BA Hons Working with Children

**Length of service:** I've been with Prospects since April, before then I was a Childminding Development Co ordinator (New Forest) with PACEY.

**I am passionate about:** My family, Fairness, Quality Childcare.

**Favourite pastime:** Walking along a beach in any weather.

To book your place on any of our events, please send us your name, your Ofsted registration number, and the name and date of the webinar you wish to attend, to [earlyyears.hampshire@prospects.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears.hampshire@prospects.co.uk) or telephone 01634 816029