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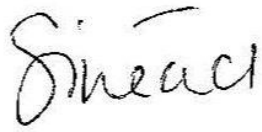
## Welcome to the latest issue of Early Years eNews

Hello <<First Name>>

It has been an eventful year so far for the early learning and care sector. On 5th February, tens of thousands marched through Dublin city centre calling on the next government to increase funding in order to reduce fees for parents, increase pay for educators and support the sustainability of services. This was then followed a few days later by a General Election, in which early learning and care was a key issue. While we await the formation of a new Government, the work on the ground continues to provide quality services for young children and their families.

In this issue of Early Years eNews we bring you details of other developments in the sector so far this year as well as information about Barnardos upcoming training events, publications coming soon and library news.

We hope you enjoy reading.



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## BARNARDOS NEWS

### **Supporting Children Through Professional Practice in the Early Years Sector**

On 4th March we are holding a free seminar in Barnardos national office in Dublin 8 as part of the Aontas Adult Learner Festival. The focus of this seminar is professional practice, with a number of interesting presentations taking place:

- **Code of Professional Responsibilities and Code of Ethics for Early Years Educators** - Dr Mary Moloney, author and lecturer in Early Childhood Education and Care at Mary Immaculate College
- **Introduction to Infant Mental Health in the Early Years Setting** - Sharon Byrne, Barnardos Early Years Development Coordinator
- **Keeping Current: Finding, Accessing and Evaluating Online Information to Support Infant Mental Health** - Colin O Keeffe, Barnardos Library and Information Service Coordinator

Attendance at this event is free but spaces are limited so sign up now to secure your place.

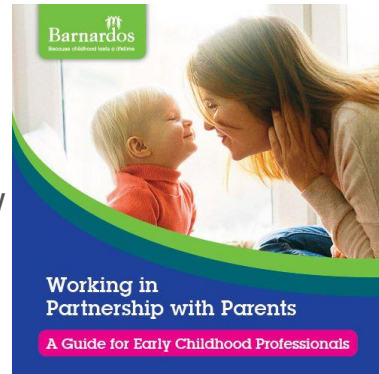
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## New Publication - Working in Partnership with Parents: A Guide for Early Childhood Professionals

We now have hard copies available of our new FREE guide to working in partnership with parents in early years settings. You can order hard copies by

contacting [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie) or you can download the guide as a free ebook by clicking on the button below.



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## OTHER NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

### Update on Re-registration

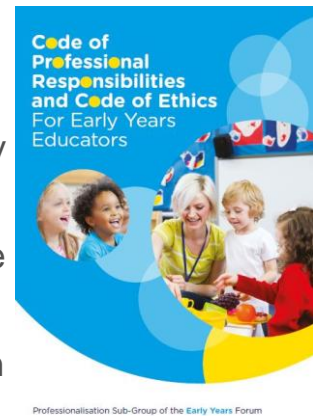
Tusla have issued an update and a comprehensive guidance document regarding Phase II of re-registration. This update and guidance can be found [here](#) on Tusla's website. Once you have read through the guidance if you have specific queries or need support please contact your local support organisation.

- Local CCC contact details can be found on [www.myccc.ie](http://www.myccc.ie)
- Early Childhood Ireland (members and non-members) Early Years Employer Service (EYES) P: 01 4057103  
E: [eyes@earlychildhoodireland.ie](mailto:eyes@earlychildhoodireland.ie)
- Barnardos Information Service P: 01 4549699  
E: [resources@barnardos.ie](mailto:resources@barnardos.ie)
- Childminding Ireland P:01 287 8466  
E: [support@childminding.ie](mailto:support@childminding.ie)
- Comhar Naíoraí na Gaeltachta P: 091 595337 E: [eolas@cngg.ie](mailto:eolas@cngg.ie)
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## Code of Professional Responsibility and Code of Ethics for Early Years Code of Ethics

In January, the Code of Professional Responsibility and Code of Ethics for Early Years Code of Ethics was launched, representing an important milestone in the professionalisation of the early learning and care sector in Ireland. The code offers guidance on the values and ethics which should underpin the duties and responsibilities of those working in the early years sector, regardless of role. The code should be online soon so keep an eye on the DCYA website.



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## Free Books for ELC and SAC settings

Applications are now open to register interest in Small Print, a programme to encourage reading and creative engagement through picturebooks with young children in Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare settings. [Find out more.](#)

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## Communications Plan

DCYA, Pobal, Tusla and DES have come together to discuss ways to streamline and improve communications and offer better supports to the early learning and care and school-age childcare sector. One of the key measures decided was the establishment of a National Stakeholder Consultative Forum. [Read more here.](#)

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## Ireland's Yearbook of Education 2019-2020

[Ireland's Yearbook of Education 2019-2020](#) has been published by Education Matters. This edition includes articles looking at events, developments, and controversies in Irish early childhood education and care in 2019, curriculum planning, universal design for early childhood settings and more.

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## **Childcare Barometer 2020**

[Early Childhood Ireland](#) recently commissioned research to find out the views of Irish people about early learning and care. Findings show that adults in Ireland place a high level of importance on ELC, with 67% believing that it should be free. Providers feel that reporting structures should be streamlined under one dedicated agency. [View the barometer here.](#)

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## **Physical Self-efficacy, Movement Competence and Physical Activity in Children**

[A new study](#) that is part of a wider research project involving DCU and the GAA to examine the physical literacy of more than 2,000 children in primary schools nationwide was published at the end of January. The study shows a decline in physical activity participation rates of children to the point where only one in every five children is active enough to sustain health.

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## **Advice for Parents Around Infectious Diseases**

[Information about the coronavirus](#) is now available from the HSE. The HSE also has the useful [infographic](#) below for parents, which is aimed at preventing or minimising the spread of infection, illness and disease in general to children, staff and others.

## When should my child return to school/ childcare?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> When scabs are dry	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Diarrhoea or Vomiting</b> 48 hours after the last episode	<b>Flu</b> 5 days after start of illness	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay out*
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Impetigo</b> When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Measles</b> 4 days after rash appears	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days after swelling appears
<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment	<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay out*	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 5 days after starting antibiotic or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

\*No need to stay out if child is well but school/childcare provider should be informed.

## Barnardos Publications

### ChildLinks Issue 3, 2019

[This issue of ChildLinks](#) considers parenting support programmes, including Barnardos Partnership with Parents, a home-based, one-to-one parenting support programme.



Coming soon - Supervision and Support in Early Learning and Care

This new publication, coming soon, looks at the purpose and benefits of supervision in early learning and care settings, as well as the roles and responsibilities of all involved, and gives guidance on how best to structure and implement supervision and address any challenges that might arise. This book also gives guidance on how to develop the staff supervision policy. [Keep an eye on our website for more details.](#)

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## Barnardos Training and Consultancy

**Barnardos**

**In 2019**

Over **thirteen hundred** participants attended **107** training events delivered by Barnardos training team to a range of organisations in the community, voluntary and statutory sectors.

**95%** of participants were very/completely satisfied with training.

Check online today to book a training event near you

*Excellent trainer, re-informative, lovely teaching format, great presentation*

*Excellent training, clear and concise info, very motivating*

*"Very interesting and engaging training"*

## BARNARDOS SPRING/SUMMER TRAINING EVENTS

We have a number of public training events coming up over the next few months in different locations across the country. Click on the links below to secure your place.

### Children First, Child Protection training

"I found the whole lesson very informative and feel more confident going out into a work environment with children."

[5<sup>th</sup> March, Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork](#)

[21<sup>st</sup> March, Wisdom Centre, Dublin 8](#)

[16<sup>th</sup> April Wisdom Centre, Dublin 8](#)

[19<sup>th</sup> May, Wisdom Centre, Dublin 8](#)

[11<sup>th</sup> June, Ballynanty Youth Service, Limerick](#)

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### **Designated Liaison Person Training (DLP)**

“Trainer really knew her stuff. Clearly an expert in her field as well as an excellent communicator and trainer.”

[26<sup>th</sup> March, Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork](#)

[21<sup>st</sup> April, Jurys Inn, Dublin 1](#)

[10<sup>th</sup> June, The Russell Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24](#)

[7<sup>th</sup> July, The Russell Centre, Tallaght, Dublin 24](#)

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### **Making the Most of Supervision training**

“Great experiential learning”

[22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup> May – Jurys Inn Hotel, Dublin 1](#)

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## **FREE ONLINE COURSES**

### **Learning Environments in Early Years**

[Learning Environments in Early Years](#) is a FREE online course designed to help early years educators to provide quality environments for the children you work with. [Sign Up Now.](#)

## Available soon - An Introduction to the Rights of the Child in Early Learning and Care

This free online course will give you the information you need to be able to understand how children's rights, including the right to participate and make decisions, are a core part of quality early learning and care. Keep an eye on our [website](#) for more details.



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## Barnardos Library and Information Service

Members of City/County Childcare Committees, Better Start and Area Based Childhood programmes are entitled to **full free** membership of the library at Barnardos. [Register for your free membership now](#)



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## New Early Years Books in Our Library

- [You can't say you can't play](#) Paley, V. G. Cambridge University Press, 1992
- [A child's work : The importance of fantasy play](#) Paley, V. G. University of Chicago Press, 2005
- [No biting!](#) Katz, K. Grosset & Dunlap, 2002

- [Movement environment rating scale \(MOVERS\) for 2-6-year-olds provision: improving physical development through movement and physical activity](#) Siraj, I. UCL Press, 2017



Scan the QR code to display all the new resources acquired by our library in 2019/20

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### Full Text Articles Available from the Library Databases

Below is a sample of the many articles available from our databases:

- Seven, Y., Hull, K., Madsen, K., Ferron, J., Peters-Sanders, L., Soto, X., Kelley, E. S., & Goldstein, H. (2020). Classwide Extensions of Vocabulary Intervention Improve Learning of Academic Vocabulary by Preschoolers. *Journal of Speech, Language & Hearing Research*, 63(1), 173–189
- Skidmore, B. (2020). Applications of Positive Psychology Toward Leadership in Early Childhood Education. *Exchange* (19460406), 251, 20–24.
- Dobson, M., & Jay, J. (2020). 'Instagram has well and truly got a hold of me': Exploring a parent's representation of her children. *Issues in Educational Research*, 30(1), 58–78.

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### Featured Print Journal – British Journal of Play Therapy

The British Journal of Play Therapy carries papers that are of interest not only to practising play therapists, but also to members of other occupational groups using therapeutic play skills. You can view the library's



holdings [here](#). Members can request individual articles that will be scanned and sent.

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### **Infant Mental Health Reading List**

The library has established a reading list for those interested in infant mental health. To view the reading list click [here](#)

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## **Events Coming Up**

### **Supporting Children Through Professional Practice in the Early Years Sector**

**Where:** Barnardos National Office, Christchurch Square, Dublin 8

**When:** Wednesday 4 March, 1.45 to 4.30 pm

[Book your place now.](#)

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### **Early Childhood Ireland Conference**

**Where:** Croke Park Conference Centre

**When:** 3–4 April 2020

The theme of this year's ECI conference is **Leading Transformation Together**. Participants will join a unique community to explore current and emerging practice devoted to improving young children's experiences across the spectrum of services they attend. This is always a really informative event with inspiring speakers and is also a great opportunity to network. You can [book your place here](#). Barnardos will have a stand at the event with lots of information and free publications so be sure to come over and say hello.

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