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In this issue of Early Years eNews, we bring you updates from across the ELC and SAC sector including information on the new regulations for childminders, which is a significant shift towards formal regulation and oversight of childminding in Ireland. We also bring news of other key reports, strategies and resources recently launched, including Barnardos new resource for educators giving [guidance on mealtimes in early learning and care](#),

As always, if you have any information queries that we can help you with please don't hesitate to contact us at resources@barnardos.ie. For regular updates [join us on Facebook](#).

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****NEW FREE RESOURCE FROM BARNARDOS****

MEALTIMES Valuable Learning Opportunities in Early Learning and Care

[Mealtimes](#) in an Early Learning and Care (ELC) setting are a significant part of the curriculum. Positive mealtime experiences are important opportunities to support children and to enhance their learning, development, health and overall wellbeing. This [new free guide from Barnardos](#) is aimed at early years providers and educators who develop policies in their settings, and those who implement the practices and procedures that determine young children's experiences of mealtimes. Childminders caring for children under the age of 6 may also find the guidance useful.



Updates from Across the Sector

- Last week, Minister O'Gorman announced the publication of the [new Childminding Regulations](#), which will come into effect on 30 September. This is the first time that childminders will be able to register with Tusla under new regulations that reflect the home and family setting in which childminders work and that take into account the unique features of childminding.
- Over the summer, DCEDIY launched a number of key reports and strategies relevant to all those working with children, including:
 - The [Autism Innovation Strategy](#)
 - The [Traveller and Roma Education Strategy 2024 – 2030](#)
 - [Progress report for First 5](#)
- The [Síolta website](#) has been updated and is now more user friendly.
- The 2024 edition of [Education at a Glance](#), the definitive guide to the state of education around the world, has been published. The 2024 edition focuses on [equity in education](#), providing indicators on gaps in

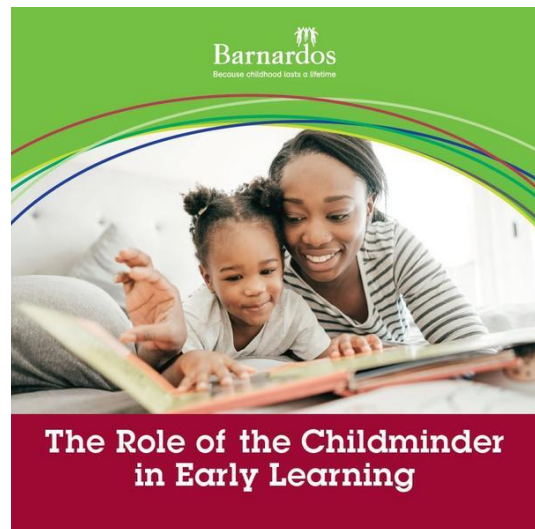
educational outcomes and discussing the effect of educational attainment on labour market outcomes.

- Early Childhood Ireland have a great new resource for educators - [Eco-Emotions](#) - that offers the tools and knowledge to seamlessly integrate emotional learning with sustainable environmental practices.

Free Resources for Childminders

Did you know we have a range of resources developed specifically for childminders on topics such as behaviour, language development and play? Even better, they are all freely available online.

[Check out what is available now.](#)



Barnardos Library - New Open Access Collection

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new open access eBook collection, which is a collection of children's books. These books explore, through story, the challenges and life events that a child experiences and are a fantastic addition to our growing open access collections.

- Access the [children's eBook collection](#)
- Access the [practitioners eBook collection](#)

Barnardos Training

Train with Us

Check out some of our upcoming training events the Autumn

Promoting the social & emotional well-being of babies, toddlers and young children in ELC; An Infant Mental Health Approach

1st October 2024

Building Trauma Awareness in Early Learning and Care

10th October 2024

Supervision in Early Learning and Care

15th October 2024

Understanding Young Children's Behaviour in Early Learning and Care

16th October 2024

Sharing Developmental Concerns with Parents

14th November 2024

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