

## Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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### DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

QIPP template will become available

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Core Funding Review and Confirm window closes

#### 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Kerry County CC Christmas Network Event

#### 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Deadline to apply for the Fee Increase Assessment

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### Core Funding Review and Confirm 1<sup>st</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Partner Services can complete their Review and Confirm with two options available:

Review and Confirm with Changes or Review and Confirm without Changes

Before completing the Review and Confirm, Partner Services should:

- Ensure your Service Profile is accurate and up to date for the 2024/2025 programme year.
- Ensure your Core Funding Application is at status 'Approved'.

Core Funding supports and training materials can be found on Hive under the [Help and Support](#) section of the Early Years Hive.



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## Building Blocks Extension grant

Minister Roderic O’Gorman announced the launch of the €25m Building Blocks Extension Grant scheme for early learning and childcare providers.

Please see the recent [press release](#) by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY)

Further details of the scheme along with application forms and applicant guidelines will be made available to the sector in the coming week

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## AIM Level 5: Application for a duplicate piece of equipment for use in AIM plus and AIM non-term



Due to the expansion of AIM Level 5, a duplicate piece of equipment can be requested via an AIM Level 5 equipment application on the Early Years Hive. A duplicate piece of equipment can be requested when a child is availing of AIM plus or AIM non-term and the equipment used during ECCE hours **cannot be relocated** to the AIM plus or AIM non-term room.

Where a duplicate piece of equipment is required, a prescribing professional must indicate this on the HSE report submitted.

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## Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP)

Guidance for completing the Core Funding Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (previously referred to as the QAP) is available under the Quality and Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) heading on the Core Funding documents page of the Early Years Hive [here](#).



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## Christmas Networking Event

Kerry County Childcare Committee is hosting a **Christmas Networking Event** for providers and staff of ELCs, SACs, and Childminders in Kerry County on 27<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30 pm to 9pm in

the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee. Booking is essential – can you confirm no later than Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November by emailing [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com)



**Kerry County Childcare Committee**  
invite you to our  
**2024**  
**Christmas Networking Event**

for all Early Years, School Age Educators and Childminders

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet with colleagues and catch up on the latest developments in the sector.

**Event Details**  
The Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Refreshments and hot finger food will be provided.  
Places are limited so if you would like to attend please email: [eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com) to secure your place.

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## Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process

To submit an expression of interest or discuss the Fee Increase Assessment and Approval Process, please contact [pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:pamela@kerrycountychildcare.com). Please note the deadline for applying is 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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## Childminding Registration

Tusla have continued to expand the resources and support documentation available on their Childminding webpages [//tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services](https://tusla.ie/early-years-inspectorate/childminding-services).

To contact Tusla's childminding helpline ring (061) 440600 (option 9) or email [cm.registration@tusla.ie](mailto:cm.registration@tusla.ie) or view their [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section on the website.

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## Help keep young children safe near water - a survey for your ELC


Water Safety Ireland are undertaking a survey about the use of their 'Hold Hands' education resource. 'Hold Hands' is aimed at giving young children all the advice they need to stay safe around water. Water Safety Ireland would like as many service providers and educators as possible to take the time to complete the survey and submit your responses by Friday, 15 November. To access the survey, click on the link below

[Help keep young children safe near water - A survey for your ELC](#)

## Happy Talk

Happy Talk for November is now available. This month the focus is on Expanding the Language

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# Happy Talk

### Rhyme Time Voices and Games

#### Actions in Rhymes

Funny words are useful words!  
Let us ask you: outside of these rhymes do you even use the words 'Incy Wincy' or 'Humpty'? You do! We love you!

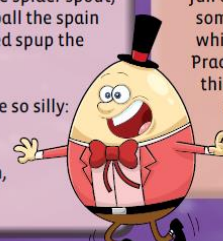
Did you know that funny and silly words are a really good way to learn sounds, learn how words work, and prepare small children for learning to read.

Nursery Rhymes and Songs allow us to play with words in all sorts of ways. Not just because they have lots of silly words, old and new words! But, because they are rhymes, and many are set to music, we can remember the words, and play with them.

**Have a go at being silly with the sounds and words in these rhymes:**


Use sounds from the rhyme over and over again:  
Spincy, spincy spider, climbed up the spawter spout,  
Spown came the spain and spawhed the spider spout,  
Spout spain the spun and spied spup spall the spain  
Spand the Spincy Spincy Spider, spimbed spup the spout aspen!

Swap out the sounds to make the rhyme so silly:  
Humpty Dumpty sat on a ball!  
Humpty Dumpty had a great call!  
All the kings horses and all the kind den,  
Couldn't put Humpty Together a-pen!




### Mindful Moment

#### Smiling Brain Mindful Moment



Invite the children to practice breathing in. Every time we take a deep breath in we can try and fill our whole body up with fresh new air. After a few deep breaths, invite the children to take a deep breath in and imagine the air reaching your eyes. Invite the group to smile to their eyes because they help us to see every day. Take some deep breaths in and out while saying "Thank you eyes". Next invite the children to take a deep breath in and imagine the air reaching your heart. Invite the group to smile to their heart because their heart is full of love and happiness. Take some deep breaths in and out while saying "Thank you heart". Practice this activity every day this month using a different body part, invite the children to suggest the body part that you are thanking each day.




### Rhymes

Incy Wincy Spider & Humpty Dumpty

## November 2024

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For further information visit: [www.hse.ie/happytalk](http://www.hse.ie/happytalk)



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# Happy Talk

## November 2024 Learning Language – Expanding

For these few months we are learning (or re-learning) some Happy Talk Skills.  
Last month we were working on modelling: saying it the right way for your child.  
This month the skill we're going to practice is: **Expanding!**

Expanding is when you show a child how to use more words and say longer sentences.  
Expanding is a skill for us: we do the hard work!

When you expand what your child says you show your child how to build:

### Longer phrases

e.g. Child says: 'I ran.'  
You say, 'You ran so fast.'

### Longer sentences

e.g. Child says 'I want the bike!'  
You say, 'You want the bike so you can go cycle.'

### More detailed sentences

e.g. Child says, 'Look, the cat is drinking!'  
You say, 'Look, the brown and white stripy cat is drinking a bowl of milk!'



### More ideas in sentences and stories

e.g. Child says, 'Look, the dog in the shop!'  
You say, 'Look, the dog is in the shop, he must be doing his shopping! I hope he remembers to buy dog food!'

### You can expand for children of any age.

For babies and toddlers we expand on any words or sounds they say, always repeating what they say and adding a word or two.

### For toddlers, pre-schoolers and school-aged children

We expand on their phrases and sentences, always repeating what they say and adding more words, and more ideas.

**Expanding is a skill for us! We do the hard work! When we expand we:**

- ALWAYS repeat what the child says and add to it.
- When we repeat what they child says and include it in our expansion we give the child this message; 'What you said is great! Now I'll show you how to make it better!'
- You can add one word, a few words, lots of words, or a whole new idea.

Don't forget your modelling skills also! If there's a tricky word in the sentence, model it!




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## Applicant Portal Update

The Childcare Search on the Applicant Portal has been updated to now show last year's 2023/2024 Fee Table as well as showing your current 2024/2025 Fee Table. This update will now make it possible for parents to view this year and last year's Fee Table.

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## Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page

We invite you to visit our website [here](#) and like and follow our Facebook page [here](#) for lots of updates and relevant information.