

## Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

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### DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES

\*\*\* Deadline extended to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 \*\*\*

Quality Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) to be submitted

27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 @12 noon

Deadline for Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

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### FOR YOUR INFORMATION



#### Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP)

The Quality & Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) is now due for submission **on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** on [www.cfcrs.ie](http://www.cfcrs.ie) The PAU has already received the log in details. Guidance for completing the QIPP (formally QAP) is on the Core Funding documents page of the Early Years Hive [here](#).

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#### Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme

The application process for the Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme is now open. Information on the Scheme can be found [here](#) with detailed application templates and applicant guidelines and supports available [here](#) under the resources section on Hive.

The Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme will close on the **27 January 2025 at 12pm**.

If you have any queries on the Scheme, please contact the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) with any queries by raising a service request on Hive under the programme: **'Building Blocks Extension Grant Scheme'** and selecting the relevant sub-categories.

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## Updated Aistear. Aistear: The Early Childhood Curriculum Framework

An updated version of *Aistear: the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework* has been prepared by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and was published this week. You can access the framework [here](#)

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## New Garda Vetting Procedure

The DCEDIY issued a communication last week on the new Garda Vetting Procedures to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025. Please follow the link for detailed information.

<https://www.kerrycountychildcare.com/childcare-providers-kerry/childcare-information/>

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## Childcare&Me App Launched

Roscommon CCC and Tusla Roscommon recently launched the Childcare&Me App. The app is a one stop shop of information on Early Learning and Care (ELC) and School Aged Childcare (SAC), and Family supports available throughout the Country.

This app has a national reach into each county across Ireland and is available in three languages; English, Arabic and Ukrainian.

<https://mailchi.mp/ae5fe3882d6b/childcareme-app>

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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.

Contact [amy@kerrycountychildcare.com](mailto:amy@kerrycountychildcare.com) if you want further information

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## Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

[Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)

[Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)

General Covid-19 queries: Contact HSE on 1800 700 700 between 8 am and 8 pm Monday to Friday and 9 am - 5 pm Saturday and Sunday / [HSE Covid 19](#)

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