

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 26th– 30th May 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 26th – 30th May 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

3rd June 2025: Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25 closing

27th June 2025: Deadline for AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pathways to Wellbeing – Summer Seminar

Last chance to book

Kerry County Childcare Committee are delighted to invite ELC & SAC providers and educators to our free summer seminar “Pathways to Wellbeing for Children & Educators”.

This is taking place in the Rose Hotel, Tralee on Saturday the 7th of June 2025 from 9am – 4pm.

Keynote speakers on the day include Dr Mary O’Kane, Edel Lawlor and Dermot Rafter.

We have attached a flyer with further information, which you might like to share with your staff team.

Bookings: eilish@kerrycountychildcare.com

Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2024/25

The deadline for the 2024/2025 Annual Early Years Sector Profile survey has been extended to allow more time for services to complete it.



The survey will now close at **5pm on Tuesday, 03 June** [AEYSP Survey - Service Provider Portal](#).

Core Funding Compliance Visits 2025



Core Funding 2024/2025 compliance visits for Partner Services will begin in June 2025. These unannounced visits will focus on the Graduate Lead Educator Premium in relation to the most recent Core Funding Application information. The purpose of these checks is to ensure that the latest Core Funding Application from Partner Services is current and accurate.

AIM applications for the 2024/25 programme call



The ECCE 2024/25 programme call is closing. Please ensure all AIM applications are submitted prior to the closure of ECCE, as applications submitted after the closure will not be processed.

- AIM Non-term over the summer period, please ensure an AIM Non-term application is submitted before the programme call closure and outline dates in which AIM Non-term support is required.
- If you have already submitted an AIM Non-term application and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.

Nurturing Skills

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) launched the Nurturing Skills website earlier this week. This is a central hub to find information on how the Government is supporting Early Years Educators, School-Age Childcare Practitioners and Childminders on advancing skills, planning your career and entering the profession <https://www.nurturingskills.ie/>

AIM Programme Readiness 2025



AIM Programme readiness 2025 checklist is outlined below and attached for your convenience.

Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) Programme Readiness Checklist 2025



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Getting Started Make sure each item is up to date
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organisations Details My Account > Organisation Profile
<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm Service Provider Details My Account > Manage Service Providers > Click on Service Name > Review and Press Submit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Primary Authorised User (PAU) My Account > Manage User Roles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Portal Users My Account > Manage User Roles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bank Account My Account > Bank Account
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tusla Registration My Account > Tusla Reg Maintenance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AIM
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEVEL 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	A new AIM Level 1 application is needed yearly
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate your ECCE funding agreement Refer to ECCE Programme Readiness checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create AIM Level 1 application Programmes > Better Start/AIM > AIM Level 1 application > create
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEVEL 4
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate your ECCE Funding Agreement to allow ECCE registrations Refer to ECCE Programme Readiness checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete your AIM profile and Sessions Programmes > AIM Service Profile & Sessions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create AIM Level 4 application Programmes > Better Start/AIM > AIM Level 4 Application > create
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEVEL 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Activate your AIM Level 5 Programme Application Programmes > Better Start/AIM > AIM Level 5 Applications
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEVEL 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete your Better Start/AIM Profile and Sessions Programmes > Better Start/AIM > AIM Service Profile & Sessions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete AIM Level 7 Application > Better Start/AIM > AIM Level 7 Applications > Create You must submit and AIM level 4 application before creating your AIM level 7 application



Important Notes

- AIM Plus can only be applied for on ECCE payable weeks only. AIM Non-term can only be applied for on non-payable ECCE weeks.
- AIM Level 4 applications can take up to 4 weeks to process.
- AIM Level 7 applications can take up to 12 weeks to process.
- Please make sure to submit AIM applications within the suggested time.
- AIM Standard and AIM Plus sessions cannot overlap.



Let's get Ready & Let's Play Ireland

DCDE have asked to share the following information and resources with parents and families:

[Let's get Ready](#) has lots of useful information on:

- Starting pre-school
- Starting primary school
- Information for families with children of disabilities.
- Information resources.

[Let's Play Ireland](#) has tonnes of information on:

- Types of Play
- Rainy day ideas
- Messy play ideas
- Family fun ideas and free outdoor and indoor adventures
- Family events throughout the summer

Parent Workshop: Transitions from Pre-school to Primary School

Attached please see information from the National Parents Council advertising free parent workshops taking place June 3rd – 6th focusing on transitions from pre-school to primary school. Please share with parents in your service.



**Join Our Free Transitions
from Pre-school to Primary
School Sessions!**

REGISTER WITH LINK:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Transition_Preschool_to_Primary_School_Week_of_3_June_2025

SCAN ME

**3RD TO 6TH JUNE
AT 10AM AND 7.30PM**

NPC
SUPPORTING PARENTS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN

Pre- Registration Training for Childminders



Kerry County Childcare Committee are offering an online Pre Registration Training for Childminders. (see details below)

This is a mandatory training programme for childminders who wish to register with Tusla. This training will support you to understand the new childminding regulations and will provide you with all the information required to register with Tusla. This is a FREE training course and takes approx. 7 hours to complete. There is no assessment, and you will be issued a certificate upon completion. There is no expiry date for this training certificate.

To register please contact Amy on amy@kerrycountychildcare.com



PRE-REGISTRATION TRAINING FOR CHILDMINDERS

Childcare Committee
County Kerry
Coiste Cúram Leanaí Chiarraí Teo

Online

Information on:

- Being a childminder
- Understanding new childminding regulations
- Documents required for Tusla registration

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 2025
7PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2025
9AM TO 1:30PM

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:
Amy on 0877885114
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Kerry County Childcare Committee Website and Facebook Page



[Website Jobs Board](#) – Local Jobs Board for Kerry

If you would like to place an advert on our Jobs Board please email kathryn@kerrycountychildcare.com.

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

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information: [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE & Pre School ManagementInfectiousDisease.pdf](#)

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](#)

Kind Regards,

Kerry County Childcare Committee