

Weekly Bulletin – This Week in Childcare: 2nd– 6th June 2025

Dear Colleagues

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week of 2nd – 6th June 2025.

DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:

4th June 2025	Nurturing skills student portal opens
25th June 2025	Closing date for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF)
6th June 2025	Programme readiness guidance available for ECCE, CCSP and NCS
9 June 2025	Programme readiness guidance available for Core Funding.
11th July 2025	ECCE 2024/25 programme call closes (see below for AIM application information).
7th June 2025	Pathways to Wellbeing Seminar

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NSLF funding for the academic year 2025/2026.



The [Nurturing Skills Learner Fund \(NSLF\) Student Portal](#) opened on 4th June 2025 for students to confirm their eligibility and intention to continue their chosen course. Confirmation is required to be eligible for NSLF funding for the academic year 2025/2026. Please advise your staff to contact NSLF@pobal.ie if they have any queries.

Nurturing Skills



A new 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 applications for the 2024/25 Programme Call

To ensure that children can avail of AIM non-term support over the summer period, AIM non-term applications must be submitted before the ECCE 2024/25 programme call ends on 11 July 2025. Applications made after the closure will not be processed. Non-term applications must outline the dates for the support. If you have already submitted an application without dates, submit a 'Change of Circumstances' review to add the relevant dates.



Let's get Ready

The [Let's get Ready](https://letsgetready.gov.ie) website has lots of useful resources for parents and children including going to a childminder, going to pre-school, starting primary school, and information for families with children of disabilities. The Dept. communications team circulated a poster to services to help promote the resources to parents.



TRAINING AND WEBINARS

Programme Readiness Training

Pobal are hosting a programme readiness information session. The session will include programme readiness changes for 2025/26, fee table, parent statement, resources and Q&As. Please note each session will cover the same training content. To register, please see below links.

Programme readiness training 9th June @ 10.30am

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2f873c6a-7881-4bef-bb28-7b6ba5ec7ef5@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Programme readiness training 10th June @2.30pm

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/5eae9197-aae5-4892-92fa-695ab19aae78@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Better Start Quality Development Information Webinar

June 12th from 2.30pm – 3.30pm (online)

Better Start works in a mentoring capacity with Early Learning and Care settings to support the implementation of the National Frameworks Síolta and Aistear. Register here: [Training & Events Archive - Better Start](#)

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

TRAINING DATES

TUESDAY JUNE 10TH 2025
7PM TO 9PM

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

Information on:

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

THIS TRAINING IS A REQUIREMENT FOR TUSLA REGISTRATION

For Bookings contact:

Amy on 0877885114
amy@kerrycountychildcare.com

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