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Roscommon CCC Weekly Newsletter for childcare services in
County Roscommon



Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG



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In this week's bulletin you will find the most recent announcements from DCYA and the PIP Portal.

Please note the information in these bulletins is based on official communications from DCYA and Pobal as well as notices on PIP. However, information is subject to change from week to week so please check our most recent bulletin for the most up to date information. Don't forget this bulletin should not replace checking PIP - it is merely a reminder of important deadlines and information.

Important Deadlines

Tuesday 15th September at 5pm The RSP and Capital grants application deadline for ELC/SAC Services and Childminders

Friday 18 September 2020 FAR reimbursement fund applications close

Saturday 31 October 2020 Last date for Inclusion Coordinator capitation with back-dating

Monday 9 November 2020 CCSP/TEC saver windows close

Roscommon CCC Returning to Preschool School Useful Tips Information for Parents

[Click here to view Roscommon CCC Press Release](#)

Would you like one to one Virtual support?

Roscommon CCC team are available to offer your service support via Microsoft Teams. We will be in contact with you to invite you to MS teams in the coming weeks.



Always Children First



Letter from Roscommon CCC to Services re Child Protection Training & safeguarding Statements

[Click here to view 21082020 Letter from Roscommon CCC to Services re Child Protection Training & safeguarding Statements](#)

Portal Announcement: Early Years Hive Improvement.

[Click here to view portal announcement regarding improvements made to The Hive.](#)



Portal Announcement: Registrations & Early Years Hive

[Please click here to view a message from the Early Years team regarding registrations](#)

Important Updates for NCS and AIM Level 1 Reminder – 4 September, 2020

[Click here for more information.](#)

Application for Higher Capitation on the ECCE 2020/21 Programme

Application for Higher Capitation on the ECCE 2020/21 Programme Call is now available for Service Providers on the Early Years Hive. [Click here for more information.](#)

Sponsor Referrals on NCS

NCS makes special arrangements for vulnerable children and families, a referral is required from a sponsor body for this. The following designated statutory bodies may make referrals for childcare support under NCS. [Click here for more information.](#)

Important Change in NCS Hours Available to Parents from 7 September 2020

Additional funding was secured last year under Budget 2020 for enhancements to be made to the National Childcare Scheme. From September 2020, the maximum number of subsidised hours available to families will increase from 40 to 45 hours per week. [Click here for more information.](#)

CHICKS are for NCS only

Just to remind you parents currently only have to apply for a chick if they are accessing a place under the National Childcare Scheme, NCS. The registration process for ECCE children through the Hive without a chick



PIP Updates

Savers Management Window Re-opened

The Savers Management Window for CCSP 2019 and TEC 2019 was re-opened to allow service providers to make necessary amendments to existing registrations. It will remain open until 9th November 2020. [Click here for more information.](#) Please note that the closing date for registrations on Saver Programmes is Monday, 9th November. Children must have been in attendance in the service on or before 11th September in order to be eligible.

Procedure for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19.

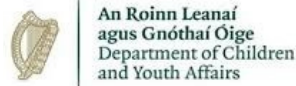


[Click here](#) to view the procedure for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID 19. The HPSC have published a new Decision Pathways document that provides some new information on when children from 3 months to 13 years can attend their school and ELC/SAC setting. [Click here for more information.](#)



The Rufus handwashing campaign

[Click here for more information.](#)



Minister O’Gorman launches programme of consultation on a Workforce Development Plan and a new Funding Model for early learning and care and school-age childcare

The Minister for Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, Roderic O’Gorman TD, announced a new programme of consultation on the future early learning and care and school-age childcare workforce and a future funding model for the sector. [Click here for more information.](#)



National Beep Beep Day 2020

Beep, Beep day this year will be on Friday 9 October during Irish Road Safety Week. From Tuesday, 8 September, you will be able to order your Beep Beep Day packs. [Click here for more information.](#)



Parents support on First 5



The Let’s get Ready website has lots of resources for parents preparing their children to return to preschool/school. [click here](#) for further information. Supporting your child’s transition to primary school: [click here](#) for further information. Teaching new skills to children: [Click here](#) for further information

Unpaid parental leave increases

An increase in unpaid parental leave came into effect from September 1st 2020, with the leave increasing from 22 weeks to 26 weeks per parent per child under 12 years, or 16 where the child has a disability. [Click here for more information.](#)



Ask The Team

Q. Do I need to complete returns for my ECCE registrations?

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No. Returns are not essential for ECCE registrations. NCS returns are essential and should be completed every Tuesday for the week prior.



Learner Fund Bursary 2020

Roscommon County Childcare Committee on behalf of the Department of children and youth affairs (DCYA) are pleased to announce that a new round of the Learner Fund Bursary will commence on September 14th.

The Learner Fund Bursary is open to all Early Childcare Learners who have achieved an Early Years Qualification which (a) appears on the DCYA Early Years Recognised Qualifications list as meeting the qualifications for Room Leader – Higher Capitation, or, (b) holds a letter of eligibility to practice from DCYA which states that the qualification meets the standard for higher capitation. The award must be placed at Level 7/8/9 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2014 to 2020 inclusive.

In the case of Childminders, the award must be placed at Level 5/6 on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) and achieved in the academic years 2014 to 2020 inclusive.

The qualification achieved must be a full major award as the Bursary will not be paid for partially completed awards.

For a full list of the eligibility criteria and an application form, please see [Roscommon Childcare Facebook](#) or [Roscommon CCC website](#). If you would like to speak with a member of our team to discuss your eligibility contact us on 0949622540 or email us on info@roscommonchildcar.ie

MBE Skillnet are offering €1,000 of funding to study Masters in Early Childhood Studies
[Click here for more information.](#)

[Portobello Early Childhood Studies Flyer](#)

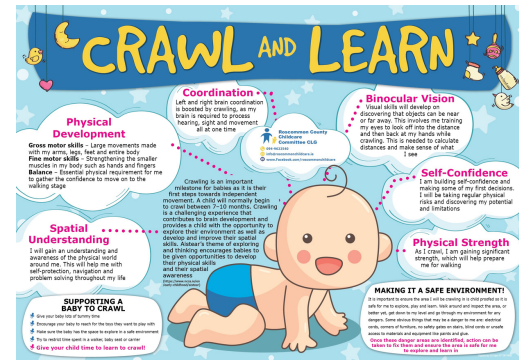
[Tulsa Home Management Advisory Service Leaflet](#)



Roscommon CCC Resources

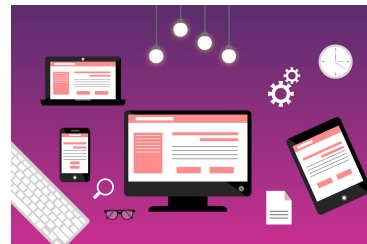
Roscommon CCC has uploaded a variety of useful resources for services and parents. on our resource page on [our website](#). Recent resources include:

- Roscommon CCC Crawl and Learn poster. Click on the poster to download for free. This would be a good resource to parents and service providers
- Roscommon CCC [policies and procedures guidelines](#) and many others.
- [Think abouts on re-opening your Early Learning and Care and School Aged Childcare Service Support from Roscommon County Childcare Committee CLG](#)
- [Roscommon CCC Summer Newsletter](#)



Roscommon CCC spotlight on new Resources & publications

[Supporting mental health in primary and early years : A practice based approach](#)



[Creativity and the arts in early childhood : Supporting young children's development and wellbeing](#)

Contacting Roscommon CCC



Just a reminder that we are all taking phone calls – the main landline number rings through to our mobile phones. If your call isn't answered, it may be because we are having a short meeting. Please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you. [Click here to find out more on how to contact us.](#)

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