



YORKSHIRE & HUMBER TOGETHER EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB



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What does the Stronger Practice Hub do?

- We share evidence informed practice with you
- We act as a point of contact for advice and support and signposting
- We provide bespoke advice and support
- We encourage networking of practitioners across the whole sector



How do I find out what is happening?

- Please sign up to our mailing list and you will receive all the latest information.

[Click here to join our mailing list](#)

- Also check the national Stronger Practice Hubs Website for latest information and a whole wealth of resources and information
- You can follow us on social media too! Click the icons below.

What's on?
Check the national Stronger Practice Hubs website for all the latest updates and useful resources



<https://www.strongerpracticehubs.org.uk/>



Now recruiting.....new project for Early Years Leaders

Hygge in the Early Years™



All The Tools You Need to Be An Extraordinary Leader

Through our 6 modular programme together you will discover;

- How to make a difference to being a better leader that will make you more successful
- Build a workplace culture of trust
- Erase self doubt and lead with confidence
- Celebrate and inspire your extraordinary team
- Learn how to create focus in your vision by moving to mastery levels of achievement

What you'll get:

- 6 Modules of 2 hours in length
- A Personal Development Certificate

Who is it for?

Early Years Teachers, Foundation Stage Leaders, Key Stage Leaders and Nursery Managers

How will I learn?

Through a series of video sessions released at the start of each month linking together outstanding early years practice with improving your leadership skills.

What are the modules?

- Module 1: Experience Success and the Power of Mindset
- Module 2: Motivating your team and time management
- Module 3: Leading with courage and creating inspirational provision
- Module 4: Leading with kindness and love
- Module 5: Quality Interactions
- Module 6: Recruitment and Organising Inspiring Staff Meetings

**DATE CONFIRMED - ONLINE LAUNCH WITH
KIMBERLEY FROM HYGGE IN THE EARLY YEARS
MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 6PM**

Places are extremely limited so please
get in touch now to reserve a place at
natalie.sph@childhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk



Now recruiting.....
**NURTURING MINDS:
THE FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE**
SATURDAY sessions 930 - 1130
Scarborough (The Street)



Session 1:

4th October 2025 Brain development

Develop an understanding of how the brain grows and develops during these crucial early years. Explore ways in which you can effectively support young children's development. Examine the significance of schematic play in early childhood and how it contributes to brain development.

Session 2:

15th Nov 2025 Emotional Development

Consider how to support children's emotional development. Explore how the brain is influenced by emotions. Reflect on the relationship between colours and emotions. Examine the importance of attachment in emotional development.

Session 3:

7th February 2026 Playing and Laughing

Consider the importance of play and laughter for young children. Explore how laughter affects the brain. Examine the role of heuristic play and treasure baskets in early development.

Session 4 –

21st March 2026 Celebration

Share your progress in small groups, reflecting on your journey throughout the project and discussing how it has impacted your setting and the children's learning

So please get in touch now to reserve a place at

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EYFS changes - are you ready?

Here are the documents that might be useful this September....

The framework itself;

[EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers](#)

New EYFS nutrition guidance;

[Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance](#)

There is also very useful information on the DfE website;

[Changes to the early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) framework - GOV.UK](#)

Upcoming events - join usonline

Gestalt Language Processing

This is a repeat of a popular event that we did last year. Come and find out all about what Gestalt Language Processing is and how you can support children who are Gestalt Language Processors. We had such good feedback that we are repeating

this session on

**Tues 23rd September
630-830pm (online)**

If you attended this session last year - look out for a follow up session being planned in the Spring which further explores this subject.

Interactive reading Network

Join us for a face to face session in our nursery school where we will look at how we teach and model vocabulary as part of interactive reading.

FREE to attend and FREE resources to take away for your setting. Led by Dawn Kimber, this is for previous attendees of our reading network and also anyone new to joining the hub.

Previous attendees please come and share how you are using the free resources from last session to support children engaging in songs/rhymes.

Welcome to all working in EYFS.

Wednesday 15th October

Venue: Childhaven Nursery School

Time - 1pm-3pm or 4-6pm



Upcoming events - join us



NEW SEND network

We are launching a new SEND network. This will be a place for you to learn and grow together in a supportive environment led by specialists in SEND in the Early Years.

Our first session will be online with our Lead partner setting headteacher Claire Rigden. Claire is head at St Paul's Nursery School in York. St Paul's run an Enhanced Resourced Provision for children with SEND as part of their nursery school and have a lot of knowledge and practical experience to share with us. #

For the launch of our SEND network, Claire will be looking at the new DfE assessment materials that have been published to support you with identifying next steps for those children who require additional support. Claire has been using these in her nursery school and will be sharing her journey.

This new network aimed at anyone working with 0-5 year olds and will be responsive to you, with future networks being planned around your current needs. Come along to share practice and meet others who share your passion for supporting children with SEND.

Date: Thursday 16th October

Venue: Online session

Time: 4 - 530pm

Upcoming events - join us Childminder network

Following the success of our out and about Childminder network, we are heading to the beach with our beach schools leader Jess Ingle for another practical session outdoors. This is for childminders to attend with their children and will be a practical session for all to enjoy.

Discover the magic in natural art and patterning!

Explore natural resources and make connections to mathematical language and thinking.

FREE resources for each childminder

Next childminder network: Wednesday 8th October

Venue: Meet at the Beachcomber Kiosk near The Spa, Scarborough. YO11 2QE

Time: 10-11.30am

Feedback from our last session was very positive:

“I just wanted to say thank you for a great morning yesterday. We had a great time and after the session continued shopping in both the market and Scarborough!

Once home we tried the dragon fruit we bought, made the chinchin biscuits, painted fruit baskets and counted/sorted fruit and veg into baskets! Busy day!”

(Abi Pollard Ryedale Childminder)

