Dear Colleagues,

These are the deadlines, information, and announcements for the week 10th – 14th April 2023.

**DEADLINES / IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Friday 21st April**

Closing date for Parent and Toddler Grant Applications

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Parent and Toddler Group Grants Initiative 2023**

If you know of a local Parent & Toddler Group meeting in your area, please pass on the information about the grant. Closing date for receipt of applications is 21st April. For further details or for an application form, groups can contact [codriscoll@corkchildcare.ie](mailto:codriscoll@corkchildcare.ie) or call 022-23880.

**AIM Level 7 Funding over the Easter Holidays (Non-payable weeks)**

AIM Level 7 funding is paid weekly, one week in advance. If your service is closed for the Easter period (according to your service calendar), you will not receive payment for the Easter period. Payments will resume week ending 14 April 2023.

**Aistear- The Journey Continues**

On Saturday 6th May 2023, you are invited to discuss, share and engage with research and practices that emerged from the recent review of literature to support the updating of Aistear, the Early Childhood Curriculum Framework completed by researchers and academics at DCU Institute of Education.

This engaging and interactive event will include seminars, small group workshops and showcasing of practice that provide an opportunity to consider how research and evidence informs and enhances curriculum development in an Irish context.

An exciting day of knowledge exchange, critical reflection, practical workshops and connection with

friends and colleagues in early childhood care and education.

DATE: Saturday 6th May 2023

TIME: 9.30am- 2pm

WHERE: DCU Institute of Education, Drumcondra, Dublin 9

Please see attached to this bulletin a flier which includes a link to register for this free event.

**Notifications on the Hive**

If there are any significant changes made in your account, e.g., a child’s registered hours, Pobal compliance inspection reports, Core funding or when a request is resolved by a member of the Early Years Provider Centre team, you will receive a notification on the Early Years Hive alerting you to same.

**It’s important that you check the Early Years Hive regularly to keep up to date with your notifications.**

**To check your notifications:**

Log into the early Years Hive portal.

Select the bell icon on the right-hand side of the Early Years Hive menu.

You are now on the Notifications page.

**To view a notification:**

Expand the yellow arrow dropdown on the right-hand side of the notification in the list and select Open. The notification will display in a pop-out screen. You can mark the notification as read, archive, or delete the notification here.

**Cork County Childcare Committee Facebook Page**

We invite you to like our Facebook page Cork County Childcare Committee Ltd for lots of updates and relevant content.

**Covid case advice**

ELC and SAC providers and Childminders that have positive cases and require support can contact the HSE ELC/SAC dedicated helpline on 01 511 9777.

For general Covid-19 queries you can contact HSE live on 1800 700 700 or 01 240 8787 or visit the First 5 website for the most up to date information and guidance. (<https://first5.gov.ie>)

Should you have any queries on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us on 022-23880 or [info@corkchildcare.ie](mailto:info@corkchildcare.ie)

Kind Regards,

Cork County Childcare Committee