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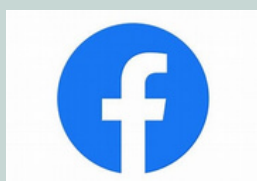


We are really pleased to announce another partner setting has come on board! (Please see the full details below).

We have lot's of exciting opportunities coming up over the next few months which we will continue to offer, fully funded, along with advice and support to all practitioners working within Early Years within the North Yorkshire, York and East Riding of Yorkshire regions. If you are outside of these areas, please visit this link to find your hub

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

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO OUR RE-BRANDED HUB AND WON'T MISS OUT ON THE LATEST NEWS AND CPD UPDATES





★New Partner Setting★

We are delighted to welcome Hornsea Nursery School as our latest partner setting!

A word from their Headteacher, Claire:

Hornsea Nursery School – where children come first

Hornsea Nursery School is a warm, nurturing and inspiring maintained nursery school for children aged 2–4, where we believe every child is capable, curious and full of potential.

Our ambitious, play-based curriculum is built around STEAM, a Love of Language, Your Community and Executive Functioning, giving children the freedom to investigate, create, question and discover. From Forest and Beach School to woodwork, art, music, baking and early engineering, our children enjoy rich, hands-on experiences that build confidence, independence, resilience and a genuine love of learning.

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. We get to know every child as an individual and carefully adapt our environment, teaching and support so that all children can belong, participate and thrive.

We are incredibly proud that our 2026 Ofsted inspection recognised our Exceptional approach to inclusion, alongside Strong Standards across curriculum and teaching, achievement, personal development and wellbeing, leadership and governance, and attendance and behaviour.

Most importantly, Hornsea is a place where childhood is valued – where children have time and space to explore their ideas, develop strong relationships and discover just how much they are capable of.

💖We are thrilled to have them on board!

NEW CPD OPPORTUNITY

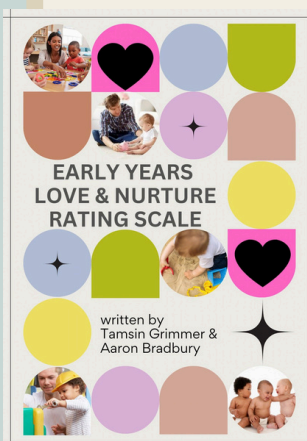
*Thursday 14th January 2027, 6.30-8.30pm ONLINE
Love and Nurture in the Early Years*

Join Tamsin Grimmer for this webinar as we think about the importance of loving and nurturing practices and gain confidence in using the Love and Nurture Rating Scale.

Our Learning Objectives for this 2 hour webinar are as follows:

- To consider the importance of loving and nurturing practices when supporting children's emotional development and wellbeing.*
- To explore the neuroscience that underpins loving and nurturing interactions;*
- To investigate strategies which help to nurture children and families and promote their wellbeing;*
- To gain confidence in using the Love and Nurture Rating Scale.*

BOOK NOW



Upcoming events - join us

Childminders

We recognise the unique challenges that childminders face accessing high quality CPD. Our sessions consider timings carefully and also include sessions that your mindees can join you on!

Childminder Networks

Join Georgina Young of Young One's Childminding in these ONLINE sessions.

*Wednesday 7th October, 6.45-7.30pm
Outdoor Learning Through the Seasons: Autumn
& Winter*

BOOK NOW

*Monday 9th November, 6.45-7.30pm
Maths in the Moment: Meaningful Maths
Indoors*

BOOK NOW



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

These are online and face to face sessions focusing on helping you to support children with SEND. This is the number 1 area of need requested at the moment.

We are utilising the expertise of our partners at St Paul's Nursery School in York who are an Enhanced Resourced Provision for children with SEND. There are a mixture of networks and webinars planned and we will be responsive to your ongoing requests for support,

SEND Network

This is a regular ONLINE network with a different theme each month. Delivered by Claire Rigden, Headteacher at St Paul's Nursery School, York.

*Wednesday 18th November 2026, 4-5.30pm
Trauma Informed Practice and Self Regulation*

BOOK NOW



*Further SEND Network dates for your diary:
20th January 2027, 14th April 2027, 30th June 2027*

Open Setting Visits

Join the team at St Paul's Nursery School in York for these live setting visits.

Tuesday 10th November

Tuesday 13th April

Tuesday 22nd June

To book your 1 hour slot please email Natalie on natalie.sph@childdhaven.n-yorks.sch.uk

OTHER CPD OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE Specialist Training for Early Years Settings with Helen Buteux, a Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist with over 13 years of NHS and independent practice, specialising in early childhood development, neurodiversity and supporting children with additional needs to participate fully in everyday life

Supporting Every Child: A Practical SEND Confidence Programme.

This series consists of 5 x 45-minute online sessions (all are 6.45-7.30pm) which are designed to build knowledge over time and embed learning into practice.

Session 1 22/10/2026: Understanding Child Development & Early Identification.

Session 2 19/11/2026: Looking Beyond Behaviour.

Session 3 3/12/2026: Supporting Participation, Play & Independence.

Session 4 21/1/2027: Embedding Inclusive Practice.

Session 5 25/2/2027: Case Discussions & Q&A. This interactive session provides an opportunity for practitioners to reflect on their learning, discuss real-life scenarios from their setting and receive tailored advice on implementing strategies in practice.

This programme helps settings to:

Staff feel more confident recognising children's strengths, needs and developmental differences early.

Improve understanding of SEND.

Support earlier identification.

Improve children's participation in play and learning.

Strengthen partnerships with parents.

Create more inclusive environments where every child can thrive.





Limited spaces - Face to Face Supporting Deep Learning Through SchemaPlay(TM)

Unlock the Power of Children's Self-Chosen Play

Join us in **York City Centre on Saturday 28th November, 9.30-3.30pm** for an inspiring full-day SchemaPlayTM training event designed for early years practitioners across the Hull & Humber region. This highly interactive session will deepen your understanding of how children's play reveals their developing schemes, concepts, and learning continuities — and how we can respond with rich environments, sensitive interactions and purposeful planning.

What You Will Explore

Identifying and interpreting children's trajectory, positioning, transporting, enveloping and other core schemes

Seeding environments that extend children's thinking and support metacognition
Using Sustained Shared Thinking (SST) to deepen children's problem-solving and enquiry

How SchemaPlayTM supports curriculum design, observation, assessment and planning

Real case studies from babies, toddlers, SEND and outdoor learning

Who Is This Training For?

Nursery practitioners

Childminders

Early years teachers

SEND practitioners

Leaders and managers

Anyone passionate about meaningful, child-led learning

A Day of Inspiration, Exploration & Practical Strategies

Expect a warm, collaborative atmosphere with hands-on activities, professional dialogue and ideas you can take straight back to your setting.

