



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
19th to 23rd
January 2026**

National News

Click here to read all the national news this week!

Local News

Click here to read all the local news this week!

Jobs Board

Please email all job ads to mary@cavanccc.ie

You can see all the up to date vacancies on our website here:

<https://cavanccc.ie/jobs-board/>



Deadlines and Important Dates

**Still taking applications for
EAP Programme**

Please check your emails

20th February @5pm

**Parent & Toddler Grant
Deadline**



Employee Assistance Program

Cavan CCC are delighted to pilot an Employee Assistance Program, to support the wellbeing and welfare of staff teams working in the ELC & SAC sector in Co. Cavan.

At a minimal cost per service, this programme will cover the period of 2026. Services who would like to avail of this benefit for their employees, can click the link below to express their interest. We will be in touch after that with further details.

Expressions of Interest in participating from service providers only:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UiLE71ckxM>

Parent and Toddler Grants 2026

DCDE has announced the launch of the 2026 Parent and Toddler (P&T) Grant. This year the focus for the 2026 Parent and Toddler grants is to support groups in providing assistance to young parents and children in establishing connections and to promote the inclusion of families from all backgrounds, abilities and cultures.

The closing date for receipt of complete applications from Parent & Toddler groups is **Friday 20th February 2026**. For a Grant Application Form please contact us at 049 4365856 or ptig@cavanccc.ie

My Future Funds Pension Scheme

Auto-enrolment for the My Future Funds pension scheme commenced on **1 January 2026**. A recording of the EY My Future Funds webinar for the ELC and SAC sector is available [here](#).

Core Funding Year 4 (2025/26) Financial Management Tool

The Financial Management Tool Year 4 (2025/2026) is now available on the Hive under Resources - Core Funding Documents and can be found [here](#).

Tusla Dedicated Contact Points

The Dedicated Contact Points (DCP) have changed to reflect new structures and networks within Tusla. Some old DCP numbers may remain in use until all changes have been finalised. The DCP's for Cavan are:

Hampton Court, Cootehill Road 049 436 9800
Cavan. H12 YY84

The full contact details for DCP's at county level can be found [here](#).

Press releases by Minister Norma Foley:

Please see attached press releases from Minister Norma Foley.

Early Years e-Bulletin Winter Edition

The e-Bulletin includes updates from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality, Pobal, and Tusla. To access the e-Bulletin click [HERE](#)

ECCE Split Place Exemptions

Split place exemptions will no longer be available from the beginning of 2026/2027 ECCE programme year.

Those that have already been granted a split place exemption for the current 2025/2026 programme year can continue to use the provision for their second year of ECCE.

New action plans for the Early Learning and Care and School-Age Childcare Sector

Two new action plans for the early learning and care and school-age childcare sector have been published by Minister Foley.

The 'Shaping the Future: Early Years Action Plan' commits to actions in 2026 to make services more affordable, accessible and improve quality.

The 'Simplify and Support: Action Plan for Simplification' will streamline administration and regulation, helping providers, educators, practitioners and parents navigate the system more easily.

Aim Level 1 2025

It is still possible for services with new and existing Graduates of LINC to submit your AIM Level 1 application.

As AIM Level 1 is an annual application, all services who currently have a qualified LINC Graduate as an Inclusion Coordinator and have not submitted an AIM Level 1 2025 application are encouraged to apply for the 2025/2026 programme call.

AIM level 1 funding will commence from the Monday following approval of your application. Applications must be submitted via the Early Years HIVE portal. Applicant guidelines can be found [here](#).

Tusla Registration Renewal

All Early Years Services are required to renew registration every 3 years.

The registration date can be found on the current Tusla certificate or checked on the Early Years Register or the School Age Register. Please note the following key points:

- Applications must be submitted no later than 2 months before your current certification expires.
- The process requires submission of in-date Garda Vetting for the Registered Provider and the Person in Charge (if different). Current timelines for vetting should be considered.

Failure to reregister in time will result in your removal from the register, and it is an offence to operate an unregistered service.

Additional information on re-registration can be found [here](#).

Tusla update

Tusla have updated Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector on their website. The documents can be access from Early Years Provider Resources page or directly on the new Policy Guidance Documents for the Early Years Sector page.

There is an updated and revised A Practical Guide to Developing Policies, Procedures and Statements in Early Years Services

Tusla have advised that:

- Anyone making a *new application* should consult the updated documentation before they make their application to register and ensure their policies align with this guidance.
- There is no expectation for existing services to redevelop policies immediately- services may decide to gradually review and update each policy over time or to make a plan to review and update all when they are considering their policies on next annual review.
- Existing registered providers should familiarise themselves with guidance notes as they look and read differently, even if same core requirements as per the Quality & Regulatory Framework.

Expression of Interest now open for CLIL/FCÁT 2026

Better Start is inviting Early Learning and Care settings to take part in introducing Irish as part of the daily routine through the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) / Foghlaim Chomhtháite Ábhar agus Teanga (FCÁT) programme.

This approach supports children to encounter Irish naturally through meaningful everyday experiences — including routines, stories, play, exploration, and social interaction.

To register your interest: [Click here](#)

Closing date 06 February 2026.

For more information

contact: professionaldevelopment@betterstart.ie



Parenting When Separated Parent Plus

A free online programme for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

Topics include: Helping your children cope with the separation, the impact of separation on children and dealing with challenges. Personal coping and stress management, communicating with your child's other parent.

Date: 3rd February-10th March 2026 (Once a week for 6 weeks)
Time: 7pm-9pm (Tuesday evenings)
Venue: Online via Zoom

Reserve your place, visit www.parentingcavan.ie scroll down and click on programmes and send an enquiry form.

Email parentingcavan@cclld.ie or contact Joanne on 0877529948.

ParentsPlus



Tullacmongan Childcare service

Enrollment September 2026

Pre-School and Afterschool places available

ECCE and NCS Schemes available
Please ensure to enroll your child early as places will fill up quickly

Please contact
tullacmonganrc@gmail.com or call
049 4362283/086 6690032/0494372976

COOTEHILL YOUTH CITIZENSHIP PROJECT is supporting the Barnardos gift appeal!

Charity Fundraising

Your contribution, no matter how small, has the potential to make a big difference.

You can drop your unwanted gifts into our Foróige office in Cootehill!

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H16 HY50

Barnardos
RETAIL

CONTACT:
AINE: (086) 8311 390
RENEE: (086) 8096 382

FREE Flourish Autism Consultancy and Training

Early Years Neuroaffirming Resources

Join our

Mammy & Baby Walking Group

POSTPONED

Starting Monday 26th January • 11.30am
Con Smith Park

Meet Other Mums • Get Some Fresh Air • Enjoy a Stroll!

Cavan Community News



We encourage all community childcare services to check out the latest edition of the Cavan Community ENews. Compiled weekly by Cavan Public Participation Network (PPN), this newsletter features updates from over 500 local groups, partner agencies, and funders. It's a useful resource for staying informed about local initiatives, events, and supports that may benefit the families you work with. [Click here to view this weeks newsletter.](#)



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everything Childcare
related!**



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job vacancies you have and anything
else about your service that you
would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**



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are now on
Instagram?
Follow us for all
the updates!**

Covid Case Advice

Please see below links to relevant information:

- [Preventing the spread of covid 19 in school or childcare - HSE](#)
- [Management of Infectious Disease in Childcare Facilities and Other Childcare Settings \(2012\)](#)
- 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](#)

**As usual, if you have
any queries or
questions, please do
not hesitate to
contact us on:
Tel: 049 436 5856
Email:
admin@cavanccc.ie**

**Regards, Cavan
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