



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
9th to 13th
February 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

14th February

Core Funding Review & Confirm closes

20th February

Completed Parent & Toddler Group applications

27th February

Portal opens for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

15th April

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes

NEWS

Core Funding Review & Confirm

The February Review and Confirm window is now open until 14 February 2026.

If your service requires support, additional resources are available under the [Core Funding Documents](#) and [Help and Support](#) sections on the Early Years Hive. Your local City/County Childcare Committee (CCC) can also help you complete your Core Funding Application Module.

Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements for 2024/25 Programme Year

Any service provider in receipt of a Core Funding grant during the 2024/25 Programme Year is required to engage an accountant to submit a full Trial Balance for Year 3 of Core Funding.

The [portal](#) will open from Friday, 27 February. Supporting documents are available [here](#).

QIPP Report Template 2025/2026

The Core Funding Quality and Inclusive Practice Plan (QIPP) Report Template 2025/26 is now open on the Core Funding Contractual Requirements Reporting System Portal

The deadline for completion of the 2025/26 QIPP Report is Friday, 31 July 2026.

Childminding Development Grant 2026

On 9th February, Norma Foley, Minister for Children, Disability & Equality, announced the opening of the 2026 Childminding Development Grant. The grant application window is from Wednesday, 11th February to Wednesday, 15th April 2026.

For further information about the Childminding Development Grant 2026, including the application form, visit Cavan County Childcare Committee or contact Orla McKeon at omckeon@cavancce.ie / (049) 4365856.

NCS, ECCE & CCSP Saver Programme February mid-term maintenance

As the February mid-term approaches, it may be necessary to make the following changes on your Early Years Hive:

- NCS: Service Calendar and Returns
- ECCE: Service Calendar
- CCSP Saver Programme: Amending Sessions (e.g. a child is moving from part-time to full-time)

If your service is closed for a full week and at least one of those days is designated as a subsidised closure, you will be given the option to request a bridging payment for the closed week(s) on the NCS return one week prior to the closure.

It is advised to make any necessary changes as soon as possible to ensure there are no issues when returns are submitted and payments processed.

More details can be found on Hive in the announcement dated 6th February 2026.

Better Start Webinar

The National Síolta Aistear Initiative, in partnership with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) and early years educators working in practice are hosting a national webinar series called: Exploring and Understanding the Updated Aistear: A National Webinar Series.

The first webinar of the series will be held online on Tuesday, February 24th from 7 - 8 30pm. It is open to all early years educators working with babies, toddlers and young children. This webinar focuses on Bringing Aistear's image of the baby, toddler and young child to life in practice.

Follow this link to sign up and for more information: [Webinar 1 – Bringing Aistear's image of the baby, toddler and young child to life in practice](#)

Parent and Toddler Grants 2026

Parent & Toddler Group Grants 2026 applications are open until **Friday, 20 February 2026**.

For a Grant Application Form please contact us at 049 436 5856 or ptig@cavanccc.ie

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a childminder or Setting up a Childcare Service?

Do you know anybody who might be interested in setting up a new service or becoming a childminder? Please pass along these upcoming sessions:

Join our online chat to learn all about setting up a Childcare Service or how to become a Childminder in your own home.

It's an informal session where we'll break down all the details, answer your questions, and help you understand how to fill out the paperwork correctly.

There are TWO sessions being held:

Tue, 17 Feb 2026, 15:00

Tue, 17 Feb 2026, 19.00

Always Children First Training

This training will be held at **Happy Days Childcare Facility** in **Mullagh**. It will be delivered by Cavan CCC. A limited number of places remain available. It is taking place on **21 February**.

The Always Children First Foundation training aims to create an awareness of Child Protection and Welfare issues in the Early Years sector. The aim of the training is to help participants understand how to safeguard children and report Child Protection and Welfare concerns.

This is a six hour programme - this programme is facilitated by trainers from Cavan CCC.

To book your place [click here](#)

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Taking place over TWO evenings, Tues 21st April and Tues 28th April.
Both evenings from 6.30-9.30pm.

[You can book here.](#)

The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare Consultation Survey

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality, Norma Foley, has today launched a new 12-question online survey for parents, early years educators, providers and other stakeholders as part of the National Conversation on Education. The survey seeks views on priorities for early learning and care, school-age childcare and childminding. The online survey can be accessed [here](#).

Ireland Reads 2026

Please find attached an invitation to Ireland Reads Day, which takes place on Saturday, 28 February 2026.



LOCAL



TEACH OSCAIL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE
Presents

MANAGING STRESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE Course

Friday 27th February 10am - 12 noon:
Understanding Stress.
Noticing what drains you and what supports you.

Friday 6th March 10am - 12 noon:
Daily Habits & 1% of your day.
Small changes that fit into everyday life

Friday 13th March 10am - 12 noon:
Emotional & Mental Overload.
Managing overwhelm and supporting mood & focus

Friday 20th March 10am - 12 noon:
Long term balance.
Building a healthier more sustainable approach

FREE ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Teach Oscail FRC
31 Church Street, Cavan
For more information call (049) 437 2730



Reminiscence Time Home & Family Life

Nostalgic memories of everyday life

When the kitchen was the heart of the home

Johnston Central Library
Saturday, 21st February 2026
11.30 am

All welcome!



Cavan **Johnston Central Library** **Cavan County Council's Library Service** **Libraries Ireland**

Young People, Eating Disorders & Disordered Eating

Support for Parents/ Carers

ISPCCC is delighted to deliver a FREE webinar to parent/s/ carers on 'Young People, Eating Disorders & Disordered Eating - Support for Parents/ Carers' which takes place on Thursday the 19th of February at 7pm.

On the evening Kathy Doames, Support Services and Training Manager, with Bodywhys will give an overview of what an eating disorder is, and where it sits at the spectrum of potential disordered behaviours and thoughts in young people around food and body.

Kathy will look at how a person with an eating disorder experiences themselves and the world, and how we then must think about how to communicate with that person to be able to support them.

Key take aways on the night:

- Get an understanding of eating disorders, the difference between disordered eating and eating disorder.
- Insight into the mindset of the person/ risk factors
- What you might notice if you are feeling worried.
- How to think about food intake and body image at home
- What might be the next steps if you are concerned
- Communicating this and supporting the young person.
- Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

Date: Thu, Feb 19
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Venue: Online event

FREE

Register Now! **ISPCCC**

Pathways to Employment

NOW

For those who have additional support needs, such as a neurodivergent condition like ADHD, Autism or Dyslexia.

Register at:
www.nowgroup.org

Supporting individuals through our training academies in Monaghan, Louth, and Cavan

We offer Training Academies across the island of Ireland



SENSORY SATURDAYS

SATURDAY 24TH OF JANUARY

IN BELTURBET LIBRARY
10.15AM - 11.30AM.
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!
BOOKING ADVISED, BUT WALK-INS WELCOME!

TOUCH, FEEL, DISCOVER — EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC TABLE & EXPLORE OUR SENSORY MORNING

TEA, COFFEE & TREATS WILL BE PROVIDED.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



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.](#)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with everything Childcare related!



**Remember you can also send on any job vacancies you have and anything else about your service that you would like us to share to:
admin@cavanccc.ie**



Did you know we 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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