



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
16-20
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

20 February *TODAY*

Parent & Toddler Group grant applications close

27 February - 31 March

Submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

15 April

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes

NEWS

Cavan Staff Retention Survey

This survey has been initiated by the Board of Cavan County Childcare Committee to assess the impact of staff retention within early learning and care and school-age childcare services across County Cavan.

The overall findings will support the ongoing work of Cavan County Childcare Committee and will be compiled into a report for submission to the Department of Children, Disability and Equality.

We kindly ask you to take the time to complete the survey carefully and accurately. Your input is greatly appreciated and will contribute to strengthening early learning and childcare services across the county.

All responses will be fully anonymised and collated for analysis.

[Please take the time to complete this survey here](#)

Core Funding Financial Reporting Requirements for 2024/25

All Partner Services who received Core Funding during the 24/25 Programme Year are required to engage an accountant to submit a full Trial Balance for Year 3 of Core Funding. The CFCRRS portal will open from Friday, 27 February. Supporting documents are available here.

QIPP Report Template 2025/2026.

The Core Funding QIPP Report Template 2025/26 is now open on the CFCRRS Portal.

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

Nurturing Skills Learner Fund

The NSLF will continue in 2026 for educators seeking to upskill for the academic year 2026/2027 commencing autumn 2026.

NSLF 2026 applications are expected to open in Mid-March 2026.

The NSLF aims to assist early year's educators to pursue early learning and care (ELC) qualifications at level 7 and level 8 that have been approved by the Qualifications Advisory Board (QAB) while continuing to work in the sector.

The eligibility criteria are stated on the attached document.

Exploring and Understanding the Updated Aistear Webinar

The National Síolta Aistear Initiative, in partnership with the 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 on Tuesday, February 24, 7pm - 8 30pm. It is open to all early year's educators. You can register your interest in this webinar [here](#).



Integrated and Playful STEM webinar

This webinar looks at how educators can integrate STEM into our preschool and primary school curriculum through play-based activities while also achieving key learning outcomes.

The webinar is on Thursday February 26, 7pm-8.30pm and is facilitated by Paula Walsh.

If you are interested in attending the webinar, [please register here](#).

The First Five Years and School-Age Childcare Consultation Survey

The First Five Years & School Age Childcare Consultation survey is a 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](#).

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@cavanccc.ie / (049) 4365856.

Always Children First Training

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 in our office

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

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD
SAFEGUARDING
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &
Childcare Services



LOCAL

NEWS

READY TO STRENGTHEN YOUR EXCEL SKILLS?

What You'll Learn:

Essential & advanced Excel functions

PivotTables, data analysis, and productivity shortcuts

Charts, dashboards, and data visualisation

Preparation for the official MOS Excel Certification Exam

Thursday, 5 March 2026
Location: Online
2:00pm - 5:00pm (6 weeks)

This course is funded through the Skills to Advance Initiative.

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QQI LEVEL 6 SAFETY MANAGEMENT

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Supply Chain, Logistics & Procurement
Centre of Excellence
An Ionad Barr Feabhais don Slabhra Solathair, Lóistíocht & Solathair

This course equips learners with the skills to design, implement, and evaluate workplace safety and risk-management systems.

✓ Lead Safety with Confidence.

Location: FET Campus, Cavan
Start Date: 18 February 2026
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Duration: 13 Weeks

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The Crafty Cuppa Club

Looking for relaxed and friendly afternoon out?
Join us every
Monday from 2pm - 4pm
at Focus Family Resource Centre, Killeshandra
for a craft, chat and a welcoming cuppa.



Bring along whatever you enjoy:

Knitting & crochet

Sewing, embroidery & cross stitch

Painting or sketching

Card making etc.

Or even bring your crossword book!

Or simply come along for a cup of tea and a good conversation.

Come for the craft... stay for the chat! ❤️

For more information contact Focus Reception on 049 436 4065

DIGITAL AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS DELIVERED BY JEREMY PAGDEN



MON 23RD FEB
ST AIDAN'S
COMPREHENSIVE
SCHOOL,
COOTEHILL

Tea, Coffee & light refreshments at 7pm

Event begins at 7.30pm

EVENT INFO

Cyber Safety

Cyber Bullying

Understanding AI

Coco's Law

Digital Consent

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED VIA
QR CODE BELOW



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
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admin@cavanccc.ie**

**Regards, Cavan
County Childcare
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