



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

**Weekly  
Newsletter  
16th to 20th  
March 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@cavancancc.ie](mailto:mary@cavancancc.ie)

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

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



## **Deadlines and Important Dates**

### **31<sup>st</sup> March:**

Closing date for submission of year 3 Core Funding Trial Balance

### **15<sup>th</sup> April**

[The Access and Inclusion Model \(AIM\) - Online Info Session](#)

### **15<sup>th</sup> April**

Childminding Development Grant 2026 application closes



# 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](#)

## 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

**Tuesday 26th of May**, in the office from **1.30pm to 8pm**. Limited places available!

[You can book here.](#)

**NATIONAL CHILD  
SAFEGUARDING  
PROGRAMME**

for Early Learning &  
Childcare Services



# Cavan Childcare Managers Network

Cavan County Childcare Committee is currently looking to establish a *Cavan Childcare Managers Network* for all services (Full day Care, pre-school and SAC), bringing together both community and private Managers. We are aiming to hold the first meeting after Easter.

This network will aim to provide a valuable opportunity for managers to connect, share experiences, and support one another. We are keen to introduce these meetings to create a space for collaboration, discussion, and the sharing of information across the sector.

The aim of the network is to:

- Share relevant updates within the early years sector
- Provide a forum to discuss common challenges and opportunities
- Promote the exchange of ideas and good practice

We would welcome your input on this, including any suggestions you may have regarding topics, timing of meetings etc. Please complete quick survey to see what topics would like covered in the network and the timing of meetings.

**[Please click here to complete the survey.](#)**

# Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice

[To read the report, please click here.](#)



## Early Years Inspectorate Regulatory Notice

QMS reference	EYI-RN12.6
Version	V1.0
Issued:	March 2026
Title:	Qualifications in Pre School Services
Ref:	02/2026

## The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) - Online Info Session

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM

Taking place online.

Information session for Providers

Cavan and Monaghan County Childcare Committee along with the Better Start AIM Team will host an on-line information session for providers interested in finding out more on the AIM programme.

The session will take place online through Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 15th April 7pm - 8.30pm

**[Click here to register your place](#)**

## NCS, ECCE & CCSP over Easter 2026

Just a reminder to check NCS, ECCE & CCSP calendars to reflect closures over the upcoming Easter period.

## Nurturing Skills Learner Fund 2026/27

Applications for the Nurturing Skills Learner Fund (NSLF) for the academic year 2026/2027 is open. Applications should be submitted via the NSLF student portal. Send a request to [NSLF@pobal.ie](mailto:NSLF@pobal.ie) to register on the NSLF student portal. The portal will close for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 at 5 pm.

Students who successfully received NSLF funding for the Academic Year 2024/2025 and/or 2025/2026 and wish to continue to receive NSLF funding for 2026/2027 will be contacted directly in early summer to verify their continuing eligibility. Once eligibility is confirmed a new letter of Conditional Funding will issue for the Academic Year 2026/2027.

A recording of the recent webinar is [here](#)

## NCS: Service Calendar and Returns

Update your NCS service calendar to reflect any changes to your opening hours during the mid-term.

- Update your NCS service calendar with all planned closures noting that all service providers have 10 allowable subsidised closures per programme year.
- Update claims to reflect any increased hours of attendance during the mid-term and ensure that this is confirmed with the parent/guardian.
- Any increased claims must be amended once the children return to ECCE/school post mid-term. NCS subsidies cannot be claimed for hours that a child is in ECCE/school, or hours that your service is closed. Any over-claimed hours are liable to be recouped.
- If you are intending on closing for an extended period, please end date any existing claims for this period.

For further information on service calendars, please see the guidance available on the Early Years Hive [here](#).

Changes **cannot** be made to service calendar opening hours or claim hours once a return for that week has been submitted on the Early Years Hive.

Full notice is on hive under announcements.

## 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 and will close **31 March 2026**.

Supporting documents are available [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, 11<sup>th</sup> February to Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:omckeon@cavanccc.ie) / (049) 4365856.

## Aim Level 5 Equipment – Transfer of Ownership

A transfer of ownership of the equipment when a child finishes their participation in the ECCE programme. This process opened on 04 March 2026.

Click here for a [How to guide](#) on how to complete the process or you can find the recorded [training webinar](#) 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.**

# LOCAL

NEWS



**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

## Autism Supports

LIVE ONLINE WEBINAR

### UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEURODIVERGENT CHILD

Build deeper insight and confidence as you support your child's nervous system, behaviour, and emotional world.

#### IN THIS WEBINAR YOU'LL LEARN

- What neurodivergence means and how it shows up in children
- How your child may experience communication, regulation, and emotions
- How to hear what your child is really communicating
- Practical strategies you can use at home
- Ways to build connection, not pressure

#### WHO IT'S FOR

Parents and carers of neurodivergent children



DATE & TIME  
March 28, 2026  
9am to 11am

Reserve your space now

Link in caption

SMALL GROUP SESSION • LIMITED SPACES



**Walkie.Talkie & Tea**  
**Spring Gala**  
Non-Profit Community Initiative Set Up to Combat Loneliness  
**April 12th @ 2 PM**  
at The Hotel Kilmore

Lots of Stalls Full of  
BAKED GOODS • CRAFTERS & TREATS  
SMALL BUSINESSES

ADMISSION FREE

## Nature Awakens

A Spring Journey Through  
Wildlife & Birds

A Talk by Elizabeth McKenna  
Wildlife and Nature Enthusiast

At: Virginia Library  
Thurs 26 March at 7.00pm  
Booking Essential!

Ring 049 8548456

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@cavanccc.ie)**

**Regards, Cavan  
County Childcare  
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