



**Childcare
Committee**
County Cavan

**Weekly
Newsletter
28th April –
2nd May**

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

2nd May 2025

May Core Funding Review and
Confirm is open from 2nd –14th May
2025

13th May 2025

Everyday Spaces training for ELC/SAC
and Childminding Services

26th May 2025

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level
4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard
applications for the 2025/2026
programme year will open on the
Early Years Hive.

24th May 2025

National Aistear Conference



May Core Funding Review and Confirm

The Review and Confirm task for May 2025 can now be completed

- R&C with changes
- R&C without changes



Partner Services with an approved May Review and Confirm record can auto-populate their Application Module for the 2025/2026 Programme Year. This will help reduce administration. More information to follow.

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM)

Access & Inclusion Model (AIM) Level 4, Level 5 and Level 7 standard applications for the 2025/2026 programme year will open on the Early Years Hive on Tuesday 6 May 2025.

Training

You are invited to attend AIM Programme Readiness Training 2025. The training sessions will be held at 10am and 2.30pm on Wednesday 7 May 2025. Please see below the links to register with Microsoft Teams.

Please note each session will cover the same training content.

Session 1: Wednesday 07 May from 10:00 am to 11:00 am

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e1e6b4d4-48cd-492d-a779-3bd9a813615d@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Session 2: Wednesday 07 May from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/37376507-8155-4e9f-927f-21280057ba38@aeae5436-a997-489f-b0e1-ae283ced47f7>

Mandatory questions added to service profile

From **May 2nd** additional questions will be added to the service profile:

Facility Details section:

- **Two** new mandatory questions about wheelchair accessibility will be added. These questions were previously part of the Annual Early Years Sector Profile.

Staff Information:

- New mandatory questions are added for each staff type.
- Two job titles will be removed from the 'Out of Ratio' staff type: AIM Level 7 (Assigned to specific children) and Equal Start Resource Allocation. Existing 'Out of Ratio' staff with these job titles will be updated to 'In Ratio Staff.' These need to be reviewed, and all mandatory fields updated.

All new questions are mandatory, existing staff information needs to be review and updated.

ECCE attendance not to be included in NCS claimed hours

The purpose of the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) is to provide financial support for parents towards the cost of their childcare with a service provider.

The hours of care required are agreed between the parent and the service provider. It is important to note that the child should only be registered on NCS for hours that they require and intend to be present in the service. NCS subsidised hours cannot be claimed for hours that the child is in education (i.e. ECCE or school). For ECCE and school-age children,

NCS subsidised hours can only be claimed in the following scenarios during term time:

- childcare used before preschool or school starts in the morning (e.g. a breakfast club)
- after-school childcare

Children may attend for additional hours on school closure days. Confirmation of your compliance with the rules above can be reviewed as part of compliance inspections.

Services are therefore advised to have details of school calendars and school opening/closing times on file for school-age children who attend their facility.

AIM non-term 2024/2025

Please submit your AIM Non-term 2024/2025 applications for the summer months on the Early Years Hive as soon as possible.

AIM non-term applications may take up to 12 weeks to process.

When submitting an AIM Non-term application, we recommend you submit all dates in which AIM Non-term support is required over the summer period.

Change of Circumstance

If you have already submitted your AIM Non-term applications and did not include the required summer dates, please submit a 'change of circumstance' review to add the relevant dates. Please note, AIM Non-term reviews may take up to 6 weeks to process.

A guide on how to submit a change of circumstances review can be found [here](#).



First 5 Report

Minister Foley publishes 2024 progress report on First 5.

Please find the attached Press Release on the publication by Minister Norma Foley of the 2024 progress report for First 5, the Whole-of-Government Strategy for Babies, Young Children and their Families.

Everyday Spaces

 Tuesday, 13th May 2025

 4M – 8PM



Everyday Spaces Checklist ensures that babies, toddlers and young children are included in decision-making within their everyday work.

This course can form part of your QAP requirements for 25/26!

Complimentary light bites and refreshments will be available during the event

On completion of the Everyday Spaces, Early Years Educators training, participants will be able to:

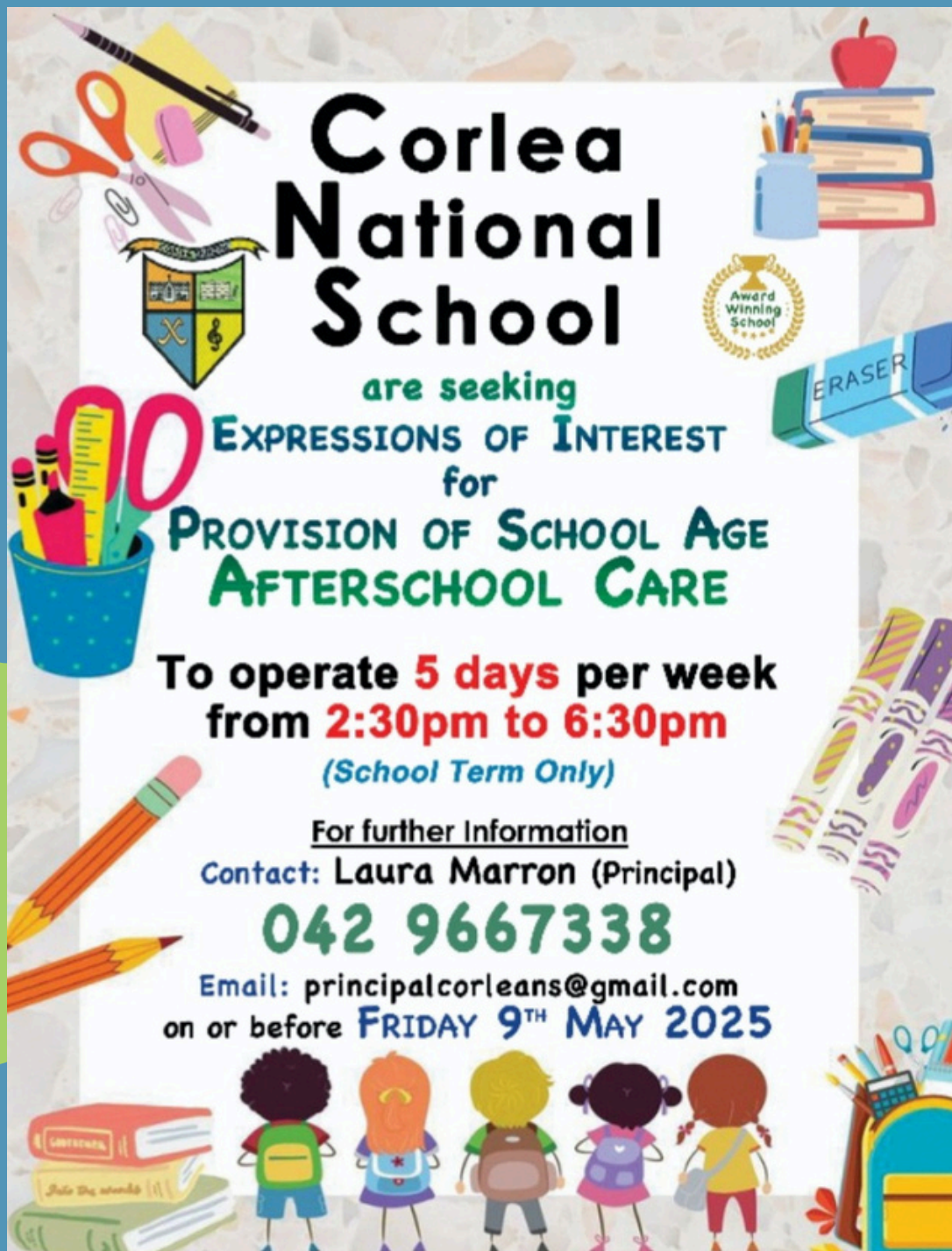
- Describe the International and National rights, policy and legislative obligations of organisations in Ireland to involve babies, toddlers and young children in decision-making.
- Identify how the Participation Framework can support them to involve babies, toddlers and young children in decision-making in their everyday practice.
- Apply the Everyday Spaces Checklist through using practical approaches to listening to babies, toddlers and young children and involve them in decision-making in everyday settings.

Follow this link to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1304074194019?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Expression of Interest for a new Afterschool Service

Corlea National School is seeking expressions of interest for the provision of School Age Afterschool Care. The service will operate five days a week, from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM during the school term. Interested parties can contact Principal Laura Marron at 042 9667338 or by email at principalcorleans@gmail.com. Expressions of interest must be submitted on or before Friday, 9th May 2025.



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
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To operate 5 days per week
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(School Term Only)

For further Information
Contact: Laura Marron (Principal)
042 9667338
Email: principalcorleans@gmail.com
on or before FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025

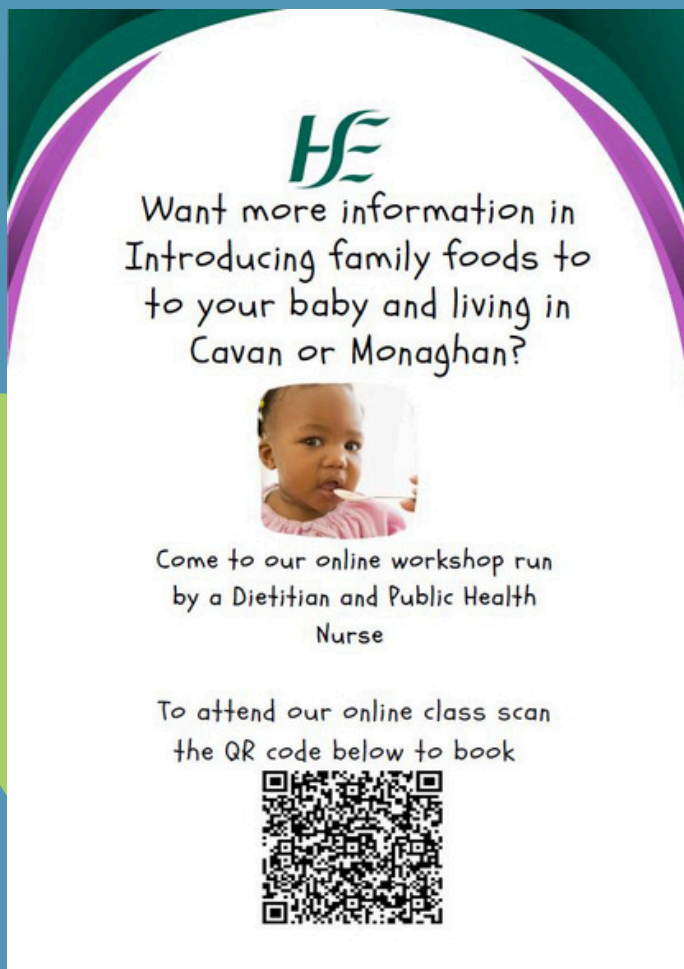
Downloadable Information Posters

We're delighted to share a selection of downloadable posters highlighting services and supports available to parents and families across County Cavan.

These posters have been created by local organisations and are a great way to raise awareness of the resources accessible within the community.

One example is the "Introducing Family Foods" poster, which provides helpful guidance on starting solids and includes a QR code linking directly to advice from a Public Health Nurse and a Community Dietitian.


All posters are attached to this email and ready for printing.



The poster features a green and purple circular design. At the top is the 'HE' logo. Below it, the text reads: 'Want more information in Introducing family foods to to your baby and living in Cavan or Monaghan?'. A small photo of a baby is shown. Below the photo, it says: 'Come to our online workshop run by a Dietitian and Public Health Nurse'. At the bottom, it says: 'To attend our online class scan the QR code below to book' followed by a QR code.


HE

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The poster has a yellow background with a central image of a child on a potty. Text around the image includes: 'Should I use a potty or a toilet when training?', 'Unsure when is the right time to start Toilet training?', 'Questions about Toilet Training?', and 'How do I know when my child is ready?'. Below the image is a box titled 'FREE ONLINE CLASSES FOR TOILET TRAINING' with details on where, when, and how to attend. At the bottom is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME'.

FREE ONLINE TOILET TRAINING SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS
Public Health Nurse led toilet training webinars

mychild.ie

Should I use a potty or a toilet when training?

Unsure when is the right time to start Toilet training?

Questions about Toilet Training?

How do I know when my child is ready?

Tips to help with potty training

FREE ONLINE CLASSES FOR TOILET TRAINING

Where: Online through webex webinar
When: The first Thursday of every month
Time: 1pm-2pm
Host: Public Health Nurses from Cavan/Monaghan PHN service
Who can attend: Parents/Guardians with children aged 18 months onwards
How do I register: Contact your PHN or scan the QR code below



SCAN ME

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE CAVAN MONAGHAN VERSION 1 AUGUST 2024



PARENTING SUPPORT CHAMPIONS PROJECT
Empathise | Energise | Empower

Child and Family Support Network

PARENTING CAVAN

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS!

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

7.00PM

What to expect?

Supporting Your Child

Challenges for Children & Parents

Understanding the Junior Cycle

FREE Practical Workbook!

Register now by Emailing:
parentingcavan@cld.ie

REEL CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Open to children & young people living in Cavan & Monaghan

COMPETITION THEMES:

SHOWCASE YOUR COMMUNITY AND CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS BY CAPTURING A PHOTOGRAPH FROM YOUR LOCAL AREA THAT IS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A LEGO FIGURE

Closing date Friday 30th May 2025

Prizes for the best entries

How to Enter:

- Take a photo
- Submit your photo via email or social media
- Include a short caption to explain your photo

Competition is open to three different age groups:
7-12 yrs
12-17yrs
18-24yrs

For more information or to submit your entries contact:
E: AlanRyan@cmeth.ie or M: 087 4884017
T: 047 30888 ext. 143

Facebook: [facebook.com/cavanmonaghancyp](https://www.facebook.com/cavanmonaghancyp)

Instagram: [instagram.com/cavanmonaghancyp](https://www.instagram.com/cavanmonaghancyp)

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Beid Clárachais agus Oiliúna an Chabhair agus Míneacháin Cúrsaí agus Seirbhísí Eolaíoch agus Treiníní Bord

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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 week's edition.](#)



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram 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



We love sharing positive stories! If your service has a recent success, inspiring initiative, or uplifting update, why not feature it in our weekly newsletter?

It's a great way to highlight the incredible work you do, celebrate achievements, and connect with the community. Send us your good news, and let's spread some positivity together!

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
County Childcare
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