



**Childcare  
Committee**  
County Cavan

**Weekly  
Newsletter  
15th to 19th  
December  
2025**

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

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

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

## **Happy Christmas from all of us at Cavan CCC!**

Our offices will take a little Christmas break from Friday, 19th December, and reopen on Monday, 5th January. so, if anyone has any last-minute queries (call 049 4365856), we are open until 5pm.

Wishing you a Christmas filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of mince pies!

See you in 2026!  
Warm wishes,  
Cavan CCC





CAVAN COUNTY  
CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

Merry  
Christmas

WISHING YOU A SEASON OF PEACE,  
JOY AND HAPPINESS.



## 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.

## What's New for 2026 - Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)

Recently announced in the Budget 2026 to support welfare and wellness of the early learning and care and school age childcare workforce, a pilot employee assistance programme would be funded in five City/County Childcare Committee areas, Cork City, Cork County, Longford, Meath and Cavan.

Following evaluation of this pilot programme, it is the intention to expand this programme across the sector offering this valuable resource and support to the workforce for times of difficulty both personally and professionally.

### What supports can the EAP provide?

In Conjunction with HSF Assist Cavan Services can now avail of:

- 24/7 GP Advice
- Virtual Doctor
- Prescription Service
- Counselling and Emotional Well-being
- Legal Support

### How can I find out more Information?

We will be facilitating two online information webinars with HSF.

Follow the links to register on eventbrite:

- [Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm](#)
- [Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm](#)



# NCS maintenance- End of Year 2025

It may be necessary to make important changes for the NCS on HIVE as the year comes to an end.

## **NCS Calendar:**

All service closures must be marked on your NCS calendar, closures must be marked as subsidised or not. Retrospective changes cannot be made to the NCS calendar

## **NCS Weekly Returns:**

Weekly reporting requirements remain in place during the Christmas and New Year period.

## **NCS Bridging Payments:**

Services closed for one full week or two consecutive weeks and at least one of the days in this period is designated as a subsidised closure, will be given the option to request a bridging provision of the closed week(s) on the NCS Return one week before closure.

## **Grace Period:**

Services who missed the opportunity to avail of a bridging payment can apply for a grace period payment if they are unable to submit an NCS return due to closure.

Further details on these processes can be found in the Announcement Section.

## Core Funding Compliance

Please find attached the communication issued clarifying Core Funding Compliance.

## AIM Level 7 Non-term Payments

AIM Non-term payments will be made over Christmas for children in the NCS with an active AIM Level 7 Non-term application.

Many services may be closed during this period per the ECCE calendar but AIM Level 7 payments follow the NCS calendar open days.

Payments for Non-term capitations will only occur if there is a corresponding NCS claim and AIM Level 7 does not cover subsidized closure periods under NCS.



## Christmas & New Year's payment dates and EYPC operating hours

Details of the Early Years Provider Centre (EYPC) and the NCS Parent Support Centre operating hours for Christmas and New Year can be found [here](#).

For more information on the Christmas & New Year's payment dates and EYPC opening times, please check the Announcement on the Hive dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Closures & Changes

Pobal has updated the online process for reporting changes of circumstance, including changes of address, changes of ownership, changes of legal structure & exit from one or more programmes. Both Service Provider closure and Organisation closure can also be reported online. More information can be found in the links below:

[Webinar recording](#)

[Early Years Hive resources](#)



## Compliance 2026/2026 training webinars

Pobal conducted compliance training recently. The recordings of the training have been uploaded to Hive should you wish to review during this programme year.

Click [here](#) to access.

## Garda Vetting Process

Use of Marriage Cert during Garda Vetting Process.

Marriage certificates for any non-matching names on Garda Vetting Applications are no longer accepted as proof of names by GNVB.

This change came into effect from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Updated Tusla FAQ documents can be found [here](#)

## NCS Attendance Rules

For information on NCS rules on recording attendance including on absenteeism and under-attendance please click [here](#)



# LOCAL



Kevin's **Christmas Lights**  
**Vehicle Parade**  
*returns to the region!*  
 ALL TYPES OF VEHICLES LORRIES, CARS, TRACTORS, VANS ETC.

**Christmas Run 2025**  
**Save the Date**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Spread the word - details to follow



**SATURDAY**  
**MORNING FUN**

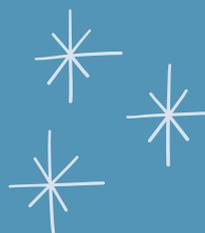
**JOHNSTON CENTRAL LIBRARY**

EVERY SATURDAY

STORYTIME FOR 3 – 7 YEARS  
 11AM – 11.30AM

LEGO PLAYTIME FOR 5+ YEARS  
 11.30AM – 12.30PM

Come in and have a fun day with your family, whether it's joining in for storytime with our staff, lego free-play, colouring in or simply reading one of our many wonderful books!



## 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  
Committee**

