

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update – December 2022

Included this month: Holiday Activities and Food Programme, 30 hours childcare and Tax-Free Childcare reminder, Starting School in 2023 applications and consultation, Hampshire Libraries

### Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Christmas holiday schemes with free activities and meals for thousands of children from families on low incomes across Hampshire are being supported from the [Connect4communities](#) programme.

Parents and carers can find out what is on offer locally through the Family Information and Services Hub directory; [Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Christmas Holiday Provision | Family Information and Services Hub \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

### Important! Accessing 30 hours childcare or Tax-Free Childcare, or wanting to apply to start in January 2023?

If your child is receiving 30 hours childcare or Tax-Free Childcare, make sure you re-confirm your information; or apply for the funding **before the 31 December 2022** to ensure that your child receives their entitlement with no gaps or delays from January 2023.

To re-confirm\* or apply, visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

\*Parents who already access the funding must check their childcare account to re-confirm.



### REMINDER - Starting School in 2023



Applications are open for parents to apply for their child (born between 01 September 2018 – 31 August 2019) to start school in September 2023. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2023**.

Parents can apply online via the Hampshire County Council website: [www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions). Paper forms will also be available from any Hampshire primary or infant school on request.

Also taking place is the *Hampshire County Council's School Admission Arrangements Consultation 2024-25*, and parents are invited to take part.

Full details of the consultation can be found on the Hampshire County Council website at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/admission-arrangements24-25> - consultation closes on the **30 December**.

### Activities and events for the holiday – check out your library

Check out with your family the range of services that your local library provides - it's not just about books! But sharing a good book could be the start of other things...

[Hampshire Libraries | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

