

Services for Young Children

Parents/Carers Update – May 2022

Included this month: Funded Early Years Education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds Hampshire Parental Demand Childcare Survey, can you make a difference?

Funded Early Years Education for 2, 3 and 4 years olds Government funded early years education places for [eligible 2-year-olds](#) and [all 3- and 4-year-olds](#) continue to be available. Early years education provides socialisation and support with learning and development for children through play; as well as enabling parents to care for others, study or train, work, or volunteer, etc.



Other funding such as the *Early Years Pupil Premium*, *Disability Access* and *SEN Inclusion* funding may be available to support the childcare provider with your child's placement if appropriate.

Visit *Childcare Choices* for more information: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
For help in applying and other queries, contact [Services for Young Children](#).

Hampshire Parental Demand Childcare Survey

Calling all parents and carers, Hampshire County Council needs your feedback!

We're looking for views from all parents and carers of children aged 0-16 years about how they use childcare, how this has changed over the course of the Covid-19 pandemic, and how this may continue to change in the future.

The survey is running until 29 May and can be completed here:

<https://childrenshampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=165106034263>

The questions and length of the survey will vary depending on the age of your child/children but should take no more than 25 minutes to complete, so time to have a cuppa too!

Importantly your feedback will help us to shape *improvements* to the future of childcare delivery in Hampshire and support the availability of childcare provision to meet continuing demand.
Thank you in advance for your help!

Can you make a difference?

Are you looking for a change in career and want to make a difference to children's lives? Would you like a rewarding role in caring and supporting the development of children from an early age for 'school readiness' and beyond?



There are new opportunities for people looking for a career change to work in this sector. Become a childminder and be your own boss, or work as part of a team in an early years or childcare setting. Either way you can make a difference to children's lives.

We talk about 'small steps' in early years ... your first small step could be to check out our website or contact your local childcare provider.

www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare/workinchildcare

Live in the Eastleigh area? Come along and see us at the *This Girl Can Mum's Wellbeing Festival* on Tuesday 17 May from 10am – 12pm in the *Lapstone Pub (a Hub-Not-A-Pub)*, Botley Road, Horton Heath, SO50 7AP, to discuss more about working in the early years and childcare sector and check out the vacancies on the dedicated Jobs Board.