

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update April 2024

Included this month: Childcare and Schools employability programme, Ofsted inspection guidance for parents, The 'Solihull Approach' parent courses, Help for Households

Childcare and Schools – Sector Work-based Academy Programme



Do you know a Hampshire resident aged 19+, currently unemployed and in receipt of benefits?

Hampshire Achieves offers a **free** 3-week employability programme, to help people to apply for a job in the childcare and schools' sector. New course dates are available now.

For more details, check eligibility and apply, visit [Course: Hampshire Learns Adult Community Learning Offer](#)

(participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk) or contact: skills.participation@hants.gov.uk.

Ofsted guidance for parents on how they inspect early years settings

These guides are for parents or carers of children who attend childminders, nurseries and other types of daycare, or out of school settings. They include information on why Ofsted inspects each setting, what happens on an inspection and the judgements we make following an inspection.

The latest updated versions can be found here:

[Guides for parents: how early years settings are inspected - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

Parents and carers in Hampshire can access **free online courses** to help build their confidence and better understand the behaviour, development and mental health of their child or young person.

The 'Solihull Approach' courses have been specially designed by psychologists and professionals and tailored to different ages and stages of a child's development - from pregnancy to teen years and beyond.

Through a series of interactive sessions, the courses provide advice and practical tips aimed at anyone caring for a child or young person, including parents, guardians, foster carers and grandparents. For more details and list of courses available to Hampshire residents, please visit: [The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Help for Households

The Government's Help for Households campaign gives clear information about the exceptional payments, energy support and existing support schemes available, so the public know what is available and where they can find help.

Help for Households

[Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#) brings together over 40 support schemes that the public may be able to access depending on eligibility. Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.