

Services for Young Children

Parents / Carers Update – February 2022

Included this month: Winter Reading Challenge, Father's and Children's Learning survey, Single Parent Support and funded Early Years Education

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Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is a great way to share stories and encourage reading for pleasure. [Sign-up online](#) and read or listen to any four books. [Watch this video](#) to find out more and see how you can take part!

Children just need to read or listen to any four books by **Saturday 26 February** to complete the challenge. This can include bedtime stories, non-fiction books, eBooks and audiobooks. [Get cosy with the Winter Reading Challenge](#)

[Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://hants.gov.uk)

Paternal Involvement & it's Effects on Children's Education (PIECE)

The *Fathers and Children's Learning* survey aims to build a better understanding of how fathers get involved in supporting their children's learning, and how schools, nurseries and other family services can help.

The survey is aimed at all fathers (biological or otherwise) with children aged under 12, and asks them about:

- What they do to support their children's education
- How confident they feel doing this
- The support they receive from their children's school
- Whether there are areas they'd like more help with, and what they'd find most useful.

Please [take the survey](#), which should only take 5 minutes to complete – and share it with any other fathers you know. Here's the link to share: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZKBVDZ>.



Single Parent Support from Care for the Family

Raising children is hard enough, but if you're parenting alone, you're probably facing a whole host of additional challenges. You have the responsibility for your children's physical and emotional wellbeing as well as your own, and the financial pressures that go along with carrying this by yourself.

Check out the Care for the Family website for support and guidance: [Single Parenting - Care for the Family](#)

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](#).