



Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – May 2017

Shared Parental Leave

Shared parental leave is a new right allowing parents to combine work and care in the first year with their child.

The charity, Working Families is a work-life balance organisation which helps working parents and carers and their employers find a better balance between responsibilities at home and work.

Working Families in partnership with The Fatherhood Institute has produced a new [video casebook](#) sharing first hand experiences of parents who have taken Shared Parental Leave. The video casebook offers **pointers for both parents and employers** on the reality of taking Shared Parental Leave – what it feels like to use the scheme and **the value that both parents and employers place on it.**



Childcare and early years information

Hampshire County Council has been reviewing and updating information for families through its website, Hantsweb. The childcare and early years section of the website has had an overhaul with clear defined sections and succinct information. We are keen to know whether the changes are for the better so please get in touch by responding to the question at the bottom of each page visited:

Was this page helpful to you?

Yes No

Check out the new pages by visiting:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/childcare>

The Disability Access Fund

The Disability Access Fund (DAF) are for three- and four-year olds who are taking up their free funding entitlement and are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. DAF is £615 per child per year and is paid to the registered childcare provider where the child attends to help support access to the free funding entitlements. If the child is attending two different settings to access their free funding entitlement, then the parent/carer needs to choose which setting will be allocated the DAF. Parents will need to complete the Parent Declaration Form and provide a copy of the Disability Living Allowance letter for the childcare provider to apply for the funding from the local authority.