

Early Years and Childcare

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12 DAYS OF EARLY YEARS & CHILDCARE – CALENDAR OF REMINDERS 2020/21

Children back in pre-school education

The Government has published *guidance for parents and carers* to explain what is expected when using early years or childcare services.



<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

2-Year-Old Funding



Parents of two-year olds wanting to use childcare services in Hampshire could be eligible for funded hours at an approved childminder, pre-school or nursery.

Signpost parents to:
www.hants.gov.uk/2yearoldoffer

Hampshire LOCAL OFFER

If a service is required for a Hampshire child (or young person) with a special educational need or a disability, direct parents and young people to the SEND *Local Offer*.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/localoffer>

30 Hours Childcare & Tax-Free Childcare

The deadline for new 30 Hours Childcare and Tax-Free Childcare applications, to start in the spring term, is the **31 December**.

Parents who have 30 Hours or Tax-Free Childcare must also ensure that they reconfirm their eligibility to HMRC:
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare
Choices

Need childcare?

Parents can find childcare services using the *Hampshire Family Information and Services Hub* directory.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk>

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If further help is needed visit:
www.hants.gov.uk/childcare



A reminder to practitioners supporting families that parents can receive help through *Healthy Start*.

<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Parents can access free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk. Free vitamins are also available.

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Free flu vaccination for children

Parents should contact their GP surgery to book flu vaccinations for pre-school children or look out for the consent letter from schools if children are in Years R to 7.

[flu vaccination](#)



Hampshire Health
in Education

Resources to help children thrive

Keeping families healthy is also important during this unprecedented time.

Visit the *Hampshire Health in Education* website for information and resources.

[Hampshire Health in Education](#)

Parents can access tips and activities from

www.hungrylittleminds.com
paign.gov.uk.

Where pre-school children are at home, there is further advice on [helping 2 to 4 year olds learn at home](#).



Starting school in September 2021

Parents need to apply for their child to start school in September 2021. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2021 via the Hampshire County Council website:

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions



Early Years Pupil Premium

Like the premium available in schools, the Early Years Pupil Premium provides nurseries, pre-schools and childminders with extra funding to support children in achieving the best early years outcomes in a number of ways.

Parents need to speak to their child's childcare provider and complete an application form.

[Early Years Premium](#)

Disability Access Fund



The Disability Access Fund can be used to support childcare providers in making reasonable adjustments to their settings. Also, to help with building capacity, for the benefit of a child or children attending the setting.

[Disability Access Fund](#)

Images: <https://www.dreamstime.com/child-free-stock-image-image-free-8728846>
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