Services for Young Children

Parents/Carers Update – October 2022

Included this month: Funded Early Years Education for 2, 3 and 4 Years Olds, Fostering Hampshire, Ask About Autism & Hitting the Cold Spots

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. Visit *Childcare Choices* for more information: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

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.

For help in applying and other queries, contact Services for Young Children.

Fostering Hampshire

Support Fostering Hampshire Children's campaign to find 150 fostering households in our community. Every 12 hours, another Hampshire child comes into care in need of a foster carer - can you open your door and become a foster carer in Hampshire? www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bf_zAhnM6-Y #OpenYourDoor

New service – Ask About Autism

Ask About Autism is a service to support families across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight who feel that their child or young person may be displaying autistic traits, which may lead to diagnosis and beyond.

The service provides free workshops, network groups and signposting appointments for support. For further details: Ask About Autism | BRAAIN

Hitting the Cold Spots – help for people struggling to keep their homes warm

Cold homes are not only uncomfortable but can lead to serious health problems in the very young, vulnerable, and elderly.

Open to all Hampshire residents, use the local advice line to access a range of support to help make homes energy efficient.

The Hitting the cold spots website also has useful tips and other sources of information: Hitting the cold spots | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)