

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update November 2024

Included this month: Christmas Holiday Activities and Food Programme, Hampshire SENDIASS Community Ambassadors, Hampshire Healthy Steps Programme, Early years careers

### Connect4communities: Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Christmas holiday schemes with free activities and meals for thousands of children from families on low incomes across Hampshire are being supported from the [Connect4communities](#) programme.

Parents and carers can find out what is on offer locally through the

Family Information and Services Hub directory:

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/advice.page?id=XRITDNF8hhM>

### Wanted: Hampshire SENDIASS Community Ambassadors

Hampshire SENDIASS support families with children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

They are looking for volunteers to become 'Community Ambassadors' in supporting families with translation and communication associated with the services that Hampshire SENDIASS provide. The aim is to provide a more inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome and understood. The help will be needed on an 'as and when' basis, provided either online or via telephone.

For further details and to apply, email [info@hampshiresendiass.co.uk](mailto:info@hampshiresendiass.co.uk), or visit [Hampshire SENDIASS - Special Educational Needs Support](#)



### Hampshire Healthy Steps Programme

Barnardos are working in partnership with Hampshire County Council (HCC) to launch a three-year pilot behaviour change programme known as *Hampshire Healthy Steps*. This is for families with children aged 2 to 12 years, with the vision of promoting healthier childhoods, particularly around maintaining a healthy weight. HCC has commissioned Barnardo's to develop a bespoke, evidence-based six-step programme to engage and empower families, and support them to set, achieve and celebrate their own goals and achievements. Families can enquire/ self-refer, or a professional can share a family's details with their consent.

Online enquiry form: <https://forms.office.com/e/yaDJ2wJkL2> / Website: [Hampshire Healthy Steps | Barnardo's](#)

Email: [healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk) / Telephone: 08081 671 674

### Be part of something big

Working with small children is a big deal. It's a job that makes a difference by helping to give children the best start in life.



<https://earlyyears Careers.campaign.gov.uk/>