

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update November 2023

Included this month: Starting School in 2024, Holiday Activities and Food Programme, Childcare and Schools employability programme, 50 Easy Ways to be a Fantastic Parent

Starting School in 2024



From **1 November 2023**, applications will open for parents to apply for their child (born between 01 September 2019 – 31 August 2020) to start school in September 2024. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2024**.

Parents will be able to apply online from 1 November via the Hampshire County Council website: www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions. Paper forms will also be available from any Hampshire primary or infant school on request from the same date.

Full information about the application process can be found at:

www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR. Parents visiting the website will also find guidance on how to choose a school, what to do if they are moving house, starting school options including decelerated admission for summer born children, and other useful information. For further information or need help with your application you can contact the Admissions Team by emailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1377.

Connect4communities – Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)

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](http://www.hants.gov.uk/connect4communities) programme.



Parents and carers can find out what is on offer locally through the Family Information and Services Hub directory; [Holiday Activities and Food Programme - Christmas Holiday Provision | Family Information and Services Hub \(hants.gov.uk\)](http://www.hants.gov.uk/family-information-and-services-hub)

Childcare and Schools – Sector Work-based Academy Programme



Do you know a Hampshire resident aged 19+, currently unemployed and in receipt of benefits?

Hampshire Achieves offers a **free** 3-week employability programme, to help people to apply for a job in the childcare and schools' sector. New course dates are available now.

For more details, check eligibility and apply, visit [Course: Hampshire](http://www.hants.gov.uk/course-hampshire) [Learns Adult Community Learning Offer \(participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk\)](http://www.participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk) or contact: skills.participation@hants.gov.uk.

50 Easy Ways to be a Fantastic Parent

It can be a tough job sometimes being a parent but the website, 'Parents' has put together their all-time favourite parenting tips to support parents when they are feeling less able or just in need of some pointers. Check out their list and see how many you already do: [Parenting Tips: 50 Easy Ways to Be a Fantastic Parent \(parents.com\)](http://www.parents.com)

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