

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update – June 2021

**Included this month:** The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline, early years education funded places



### The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline

If Coronavirus has had an impact on you or any aspect of your life, including anyone who is self-isolating, please call the helpline for advice and support.

The Hampshire Coronavirus Support and Helpline can be contacted on 0333 370 4000. (Calls charged at local rate.) Or you can request a call-back from the helpline by completing the [call-back request form](#).

The helpline is open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. During the current period of national restrictions, it will also be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 3pm. You will be signposted to information, advice, and relevant services to support you with a range of issues including; where to find help in your community, debt and money worries, mental health support and bereavement.

The Connect to Support Hampshire website also has a [Coronavirus resource page](#) with information to help you on a range of topics.

### Early years education places continue to be funded

Unfortunately, many parents have lost income or their jobs during the pandemic; but Government funded early years education places for [eligible 2-year-olds](#) and [all 3- and 4-year-olds](#) has continued 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, job hunt, volunteer, etc.



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](#).

For parents who are working or are on low incomes, you may be able to receive help with childcare costs through *Universal Credit (or Tax Credits)*, *30 Hours childcare* or *Tax-Free Childcare*. Further details are available from [Childcare Choices](#).