

Services for Young Children

Parents/Carers Update – November 2022

Included this month: Starting School in 2023, Help for Households Campaign, Southern Health Parent Information Portal, supporting children when a sibling dies



Starting School in 2023

From **Monday 1 November 2022**, applications will open for parents to apply for their child (born between 01 September 2018 – 31 August 2019) to start school in September 2023. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

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 e-mailing admissions.team@hants.gov.uk or calling 0300 555 1377.

Help for Households Campaign

The Government's Help for Households campaign gives clear information about the exceptional payments, energy support and existing support schemes available, so the public know what is available and where they can find help.

Help for Households

The [homepage](#) brings together over 40 support schemes that the public may be able to access depending on eligibility. Additionally, a range of online tools will help citizens quickly and efficiently check the support they might be eligible for and how to access it.



Southern Health Parent Information Portal

The Parent Information Portal (PIP) is an online platform provided for parents and carers by the Child and Family Teams in Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: [Home \(southernhealth.nhs.uk\)](http://southernhealth.nhs.uk)

From PIP you can access information and helpful resources for your child(ren) including routine health appointment letters for our services, your child's immunisations and newborn screening history. PIP gives you the opportunity to reschedule your child's health review if the appointment offered is not convenient. See also the [Service page](#) for more information from vaccinations to healthy living advice.

Supporting children when a sibling dies

When a sibling dies, young children process the loss very differently from adults, which can be confusing for their parents. This video from Child Bereavement UK helps to explain how young children grieve:



[Puddle Jumping: how children can seem to move in and out of their grief | Child Bereavement UK - YouTube](#)