

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update June 2026

Included this month: Funded childcare for children of working parents, early years skills bootcamps, time for a new career, CBeebies Parenting

### Funded childcare hours for children of working parents - apply in plenty of time



If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for:

- ✓ **Up to 30 hours childcare** per week over 38 weeks of the year, if you have a **child between 9 months old and 4 years old**. [Your child must be at least 9 months old on or before 31 August.]

**Apply now** to get your funded childcare code to start in September 2026.

If you plan to return to work from parental leave or start a new job by the **end of September**, you can also apply for a childcare code.

For further information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

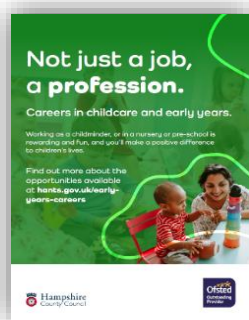
If you are not working, speak to your childcare provider about funded 15 hours childcare for your 2-, 3- or 4-year-old: <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/>

### Sign up for summer skills bootcamps

Among the skills 'camps' in Hampshire there are Early Years and Childcare or Playwork ones, for people looking to start, develop or change their career. Participants will be able to access a funded 3-week course that provides training and skills to prepare them for a role in an early years and childcare or wraparound care setting, or to become a childminder.



The next bootcamps are starting from **8 June 2026 in different locations**. For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp/allskillsbootcamps>



### Time for a new career?

In Hampshire we need **Ofsted registered childminders** to help support children's development and learning, as well as provide a nurturing environment for children and young people to thrive. As well as being your own boss, you can also employ assistants and apprentices to help expand your business, including providing wraparound care for school age children.

Up for the challenge... [want to know more](#), and book for the next information session on **7 July 2026**: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/summer-2026-becoming-a-registered-hampshire-childminder-info-session-tickets-1794513410919?aff=oddtcreator>

### CBeebies Parenting



CBeebies Parenting helps little ones learn and develop through play at home. Take a look at the website to support children's language, communication and confidence. All the resources are totally free! There is a new series of the CBeebies Parenting Helpline and the CBeebies Learn app to support your child's early years learning: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting>