

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update April 2025

Included this month: Childcare and Schools employability programme, Time for a new career, The 'Solihull Approach' parent courses, Starting reception/ school readiness

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.

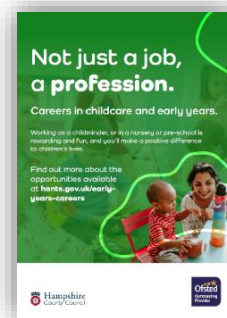
For more details, check eligibility and apply, visit [Course: Hampshire Learns Adult Community Learning Offer](#)

(participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk) or contact: skills.participation@hants.gov.uk.

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 **29 April 2025**: [Summer 2025 'Becoming a Registered Hampshire Childminder' info session Tickets, Tue 29 Apr 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)



UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



SOLIHULL APPROACH

to different ages and stages of a child's development - from pregnancy to teen years and beyond.

Parents and carers in Hampshire can access **free online courses** to help build their confidence and better understand the behaviour, development and mental health of their child or young person.

The 'Solihull Approach' courses have been specially designed by psychologists and professionals and tailored

Through a series of interactive sessions, the courses provide advice and practical tips aimed at anyone caring for a child or young person, including parents, guardians, foster carers and grandparents. For more details and list of courses available to Hampshire residents, please visit: [The Solihull Approach | Health and social care | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Starting reception/ school readiness

Starting reception (or 'School Readiness') sets out the personal, social, emotional and physical skills that most children will develop by the time they start school. The definition has been created to help parents, caregivers, and the early years professionals involved in looking after young children get them ready to start school.

Parents/carers should check out this website for useful information and resources: <https://startingreception.co.uk/>



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