

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – September 2025

Included this month: Best Start in Life, Early Years Skills Bootcamps, CBeebies Parenting – Starting School, Time for a new career?

Best Start in Life... for every child

Giving every child the best start in life is the Government's strategy for improving child development and meeting the ambition that 75% of 5-year-olds in England have a good level of development by 2028.



Read the Prime Minister's letter to parents on the Department for Education's Education Hub <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2025/09/prime-ministers-letter-to-parents-and-carers-on-best-start-in-life/>

Also, [Beststartinlife.gov.uk](https://beststartinlife.gov.uk) is replacing the *Childcare Choices* website as the main source of information for early education and childcare support – more details to come next month.

Skills Bootcamps are marching their way to you!



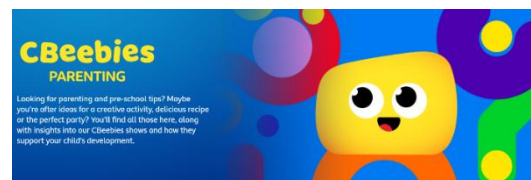
Join a Skills Bootcamp for Hampshire residents. Among the 'camps' there is an Early Years one, for people looking to start or change their career. Participants will be able to access a funded course to provide training and skills to prepare them for a role in either an early years or childcare setting, or to become a childminder. The next bootcamps are happening in **Southampton**, starting on the **29 September** and in **Winchester** from **3 November 2025**.

For more information or to book onto the Skills Bootcamps, please contact Itchen College on 02380 435636 or email courses@itchen.ac.uk. <https://www.itchen.ac.uk/adult-learning/our-courses/adult-learning-courses/skills-bootcamps-in-early-years/>

CBeebies Parenting – Starting School

BBC *Tiny Happy People* is now part of the CBeebies Parenting site <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting>

Check out the '[Skills for starting school](#)' and the [Starting School](#) collections on the website for free for expert advice and activity ideas to help parents/caregivers support their children's development.



And if your child starting school for the first time, or changing schools this year, Hampshire Libraries have a range of great books as part of our *When a Book Might Help* collection that can help. Find out more: [When a book might help: Education and learning | Leisure and culture | Hampshire County Council](#)



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 October 2025**: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-2025-becoming-a-registered-hampshire-childminder-info-session-tickets-946292685897>