

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – April 2021

Included this month: Changes to the Test and Trace support payments, free workshops and events for parents of SEND children, looking for a fulfilling career?



Department
for Education

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Parents and carers should apply to their district or unitary local authority to receive a payment. Applications for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme are made via the local authority in which the parent or carer resides, not the local authority where the setting is situated if these are different.

Free workshops and events for parents with disabled children and additional needs

contact For families
with disabled children

Check out Contact's parent workshops covering a range of important topics and issues like educational support; handling meetings effectively; money matters; encouraging positive behaviour; helping your child sleep; support for speech and language issues and wellbeing for parents.

All of their workshops are free and currently virtual. [Book your place today](#). New dates continue to be added, so if you can't currently see a workshop at a time that suits you, please keep checking.

Looking for a fulfilling career?



Even during the pandemic, early years and childcare services continue to remain open to provide essential services to families.

Can you engage with children and are keen to make a difference for them? Do you enjoy a challenge, want to learn new things? Would you like to be your own boss and have flexibility with your working hours?

If the answer is 'yes' to all these questions... have you considered a career in childminding?

In Hampshire we need childminders to provide services to meet the needs of local working families that could include early years education, SEND and school wraparound, holiday, overnight or weekend care.

For more information visit our website: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/registeredchildminder>

Know a young person who would like an early years and childcare work placement?

Check out the Kickstart Scheme: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/employmenthub/kickstart>