

# Services for Young Children

## Parents/ Carers Update June 2025

Included this month: Funded childcare for children of working parents, Time for a new career, Childcare and Schools Employability Programme, Checking State Pension age

### 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 2025.

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 15 hours childcare for your 2, 3 or 4 year old: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/15-and-30-hours-childcare-support>



### 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 **1 July 2025**: [Summer 2025 'Becoming a Registered Hampshire Childminder' info session Tickets, Tue 1 Jul 2025 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### Childcare and Schools Employability 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. The next course is starting on **1 July 2025**.

For more details, check eligibility and apply, visit

<https://www.participationandlifelonglearning.co.uk/course/view.php?id=606>

or contact: [skills.participation@hants.gov.uk](mailto:skills.participation@hants.gov.uk).



### As an aside....

#### State Pension age for those born between 6 April 1960 and 5 March 1961

The Pensions Act 2014 set out the timescale for the increase in State Pension age from 66 to 67, affecting those born between 6 April 1960 and 5 March 1961. Anyone born between these dates should check their State Pension age to find out the earliest point at which they'll be eligible for their State Pension: [State Pension age calculator](#)