

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update August 2025

Included this month: Help shape the future of Local Government in Hampshire, Summer Reading Challenge 2025, funded childcare for children of working parents, protect against measles

Help shape the future of Local Government in Hampshire

Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council are asking residents for their views on the proposal to have four unitary councils under Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), for future delivery of services.

To have your say, you can read more about the proposals and complete the short survey at www.hants.gov.uk/lgr by **Sunday 17 August**.



Your Councils – A Better Future

Have your say on our ideas for new councils across the Hampshire and Solent area

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Hampshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2025: Story Garden



This year's theme is **Story Garden** which will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

Sign up at your local Hampshire library or through Kids' Zone <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone>

All the children need to do is read/listen to 6 books, collect stickers and receive a medal and certificate, by **Saturday 13 September**. Better still, it is completely **FREE!**

[Summer Reading Challenge 2025 - Story Garden](https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone)

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

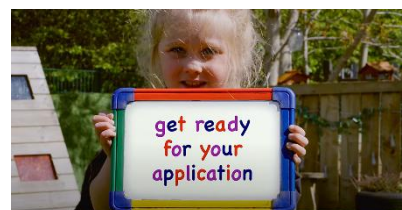
If you are an eligible working parent, you can apply for:

- ✓ **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>

Don't be Miserable with Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in England, as well as abroad. Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E, to prevent the illness spreading further. **Having two doses of the Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best way to protect your child and help prevent measles spreading, especially to those most vulnerable.**

Make sure your children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. Check your child's personal child health record (PCHR), known as the red book, or contact your GP practice. You may also be able to check their vaccination status on the NHS App. There is information about measles on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk).