



Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – December 2016

30 Hours Childcare – Hampshire Parent Survey

The Government proposes to increase the number of free childcare hours that a parent of a three or four year old can access from 15 hours to 30 hours.

In the summer parents were asked about their current and future childcare requirements through an online survey which was carried out by Hampshire County Council and the Department for Education.

A particular focus in the survey was to gather the views of parents whose children have additional needs (including those with special needs and disabilities).

The responses to the survey will help inform how those additional free hours of childcare can be provided across Hampshire from 1 September 2017.

To see the full report visit: <http://www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/parents/cis.htm>

Starting School in Hampshire

Applications for children starting school in September 2017 in Year R have opened.

Hampshire County Council residents can apply either:

- online, by clicking on this link: [Apply online](#)
- by completing a paper application form. Forms are available from any Hampshire primary, infant or junior school or by calling 0300 555 1377.

The closing date for all Year R applications will be Sunday 15 January 2017. Parents who apply by this date will be advised of the outcome of their application on the national notification date of Tuesday 18 April 2017.

Visit: www.hants.gov.uk/ad-guidance/main-admissions-round.htm for further details.



Travelling over Christmas? Car Seat Safety

Check you have the right car seat installed for your child by visiting the Good Egg Safety website for details: <http://www.goodeggcarsafety.com/>

Working Families – new film about flexible working

The organisation Working Families have produced a film called *'Flexible Working and Your Right to Request'* which guides employees through the who, why and when of flexible working requests. Parents have the right to ask their employer to change their working hours in order to support their family commitments and achieve a desired work-life balance.

http://www.workingfamilies.org.uk/articles/flexible-working-after-30th-july-2014-a-guide-for-employees/?utm_source=Full+Contact+List&utm_campaign=c18c1883a8-NWLW+wrap+up+email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bb14e98d9a-c18c1883a8-87271577&goal=0_bb14e98d9a-c18c1883a8-87271577