



At what age can my child.....

Some of the most frequently asked questions to our service start with “at what age can my child.....?” With this in mind, we have put together an age related guide to help you access childcare and educational services at the right time. For detailed information on each service, please refer to the relevant links where listed or contact us for more information.

All 0-5 year olds - Children’s Centres & Parent and Baby /Toddler Groups

Timetables for all 18 Children’s Centres can be viewed at: www.hounslow.gov.uk/childrenscentres
Parent and Baby /Toddler groups – Available online shortly. Contact us directly in the interim.



New born onwards – Childminders and Nannies.

A guide to finding a home based child carer (nanny) can be viewed at:
www.hounslow.gov.uk/childcare

A report of all childminders currently advertising vacancies will be available online shortly. Please contact us directly in the interim.

3 months - 5 years - Day Nurseries

A report of all Day Nurseries offering full or part time places in the borough can be viewed or downloaded at www.hounslow.gov.uk/childcare

2 year olds – 2 Year Old Funding (BY REFERRAL ONLY)

Free early education for disadvantaged families. This funding is for up to 15 hours of education in a Pre-School Playgroup or Day Nursery and is available to families who meet specific criteria. A health visitor, family support worker, or other appointed professional will need to make the referral. Speak to your local Children’s Centre or Health Visitor to find out more.



2 – 5 year olds - Pre-school Playgroups

A report of all Pre-School Playgroups offering full or part time places, term time, in the borough can be viewed or downloaded at www.hounslow.gov.uk/childcare



All 3 & 4 Year olds – Early Education Entitlement

Up to 15 hours of **FREE** early education available from the term after a child’s 3rd birthday in most Pre-School Playgroups, Day Nurseries, Independent Schools and some “accredited” Childminders, until a child starts full time school. Please visit: www.hounslow.gov.uk/eee.pdf

3 year olds – School Nursery Class

Eligibility is from the September after a child’s 3rd birthday. You will need to apply directly to your chosen Nursery School between the January and May of the year in which your child is due to start that September.

Brochure available at www.hounslow.gov.uk/school_nurseries.htm

4 year olds - School Reception Class

Eligibility is from the September after a child's 4th birthday. You can apply online; submit an application form to your chosen School or the Civic Centre by the January of the year in which the child is due to start that September. Brochure available online at:
www.hounslow.gov.uk/primary_schools_admissions



5 year olds – Primary School

All children should be attending full time School from the term after their 5th birthday. Please visit : www.hounslow.gov.uk/admissions



5-11 Year olds – School based before and after care

Breakfast clubs, afterschool clubs and play schemes are accessible once a child is in full time reception class onwards. Listing available online shortly – please contact us directly in the interim.

Other useful links

A guide to Choosing Childcare - things that you may need to consider when looking at choosing the right childcare for your child/family needs.
www.hounslow.gov.uk/childcare

Quids for Kids – A guide to all the major types of financial help available towards the cost of childcare along with eligibility criteria and how to claim.
www.hounslow.gov.uk/financial_families

Ofsted - (Office for standards in education) regulates and inspects those who provide childcare for children from birth up to their 18th birthday. Ofsted are also responsible for inspecting the quality and standards of education in schools. You can view inspection reports at:
www.ofsted.gov.uk

Independent Schools Guide - a guide to Independent Schools (private schools) and an overview of the Independent Schools in the area.
www.hounslow.gov.uk/childcare