Family Information Summer '21 newsletter for families

The summer holidays are just around the corner! If you are looking for things to do with the children, you can visit the <u>Norfolk Community</u> <u>Directory</u> for activities, childcare providers and children's holiday clubs.





This summer Norfolk County Council and Active Norfolk are running Big Norfolk Holiday Fun free summer clubs for all children and young people eligible for means tested free school meals. To get involved in the fun activities and learning opportunities this summer visit <u>Active Norfolk</u>.

To find events and things to do around Norfolk for children and young people with SEND, be sure to follow Norfolk Local Offer on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>.

To keep children engaged in reading over the summer, why not have fun with this year's nature-themed digital <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u>. Take a trip to Wilderville and go exploring, help the Wild World Heroes transform Wilderville into the best place to live ever! The Summer Reading Challenge is produced nationally by The Reading Agency and delivered by libraries across the country. Children can choose from thousands of eBooks to download free from the library service using the <u>Libby app</u>.

Why not find out what home learning is and how all parents can improve their child's learning and life chances by visiting our webpage <u>Home Learning - Talk and Play every day.</u>

You will find lots of different ideas of things you can do at home and out and about with your child to support your child's development. For more talk and play activity ideas, visit us on <u>FIS Facebook</u> and <u>Pinterest</u>.





If you are a working family and using childcare, do have a look at <u>Childcare Choices</u> to see what help you could get towards paying for your childcare. If you are already claiming 30 hours funded childcare for your 3 or 4-year-old, don't forget to re-confirm your eligibility, even if your setting is closed over the summer.

Do you have a child that turns 2 years old before 31st August? They may be eligible for 15 hours funded childcare for 38 weeks of the year. Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week. To find out more visit the <u>childcare choices website</u> and to apply visit <u>Norfolk Education Online</u>.



For any children starting primary school this September you may be feeling anxious and feel like your child has missed out on some transition experiences. The Norwich Opportunity Area have been trying to alleviate some of these worries or concerns by creating a range of Early Years transition resources that support parents and children alike. From virtual tours to fun activities, take a look at their resources on the Norwich Opportunity Area website.



You can find a wealth of information on the <u>Just One Norfolk</u> website. If you need any health advice about your baby, child or young person, do contact the Healthy Child Programme team. You can call 0300 300 0123 or text 07520 631 590 and a member of the team will be able to support you.

If you have any questions, need support with childcare or have any comments, please do get in touch with Family Information at fis@norfolk.gov.uk, 0344 800 8020 or send us a message on <u>Facebook.</u>



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