

Children and young people

Support for families includes help with childcare costs and free activities in our libraries, Family Hubs and children centres across the borough

Free school meals and school clothing allowance

Free school meals and school clothing allowance is available to families who receive certain benefits. Apply via our website lbhf.gov.uk/benefits/student-benefits-and-grants

Help with childcare costs

There are different ways you may be able to qualify for help with your childcare.

Free childcare

If you are working, you can apply for free childcare:

- 30 hours a week if your child is 9 months to 4 years old and you must live in England
- For 2-year-olds if you or your child gets extra support

Find out more at

gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working

All 3- to 4-year-olds are eligible for up to 15 hours of free early education or childcare. The parent or carer does not need to be working to claim this.

Tax-free childcare

Depending on whether you or your partner are working, you may be eligible for a tax free payment for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

You can use it to pay for approved childcare, childminders, nurseries and nannies, after school clubs and play schemes. You may be able to claim tax-free childcare if the child is under 11 years old. Visit gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Help with childcare costs from Universal Credit

Working families may get up to 85% of childcare costs paid back to them through Universal Credit. There is no minimum to the number of hours a person needs to work. gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-childcare-costs



Free holiday activities

H&F runs free activities for children and young people, with a free meal, across the holidays and half term breaks. Visit lbhf.gov.uk/haf

Family Hubs

Help and support for families including children and young people with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). You can find our three hubs at:

- Old Oak Family Hub and Community Centre, White City, W12 0AP
- Tudor Rose Family Hub, Fulham, SW6 5PG
- Stephen Wiltshire Centre, Fulham, SW6 6JR

Visit lbhf.gov.uk/familyhubs



Children's Centres

There is also a range of activities for under-5s in local children's centres:

- Edward Woods Community Centre, 60-70 Norland Road, W11 4TX
- Flora Gardens Children's Centre, Dalling Road, W6 0UD
- Tudor Rose Children's Centre, Tudor Rose Building, SW6 5PG
- Masbro Brook Green Children's Centre, 49 Brook Green, W6 7BJ
- Masbro Children's Centre, 87 Masbro Road, W14 0LR
- Old Oak Community & Children's Centre, 76 Braybrook Street, W12 0AP
- Randolph Beresford Early Years Centre, 4 Australia Road, W12 7PH
- Ray's Playhouse, 247 Stephendale Road, SW6 2PR
- Shepherds Bush Families Project, The Sulgrave Club, 287 Goldhawk Road, W12 8EU

Support for care leavers

Find out about our local offer online. lbhf.gov.uk/care-leavers-local-offer