

Best Start Family Hubs

In July 2025, the government launched its strategy for improving child development and meeting the ambition that 75% of 5-year-olds in England have a good level of development by 2028. Part of this strategy is to ensure that every local authority has Best Start Family Hubs. Best Start Family Hubs are a single place to get support for children, young people and families.

The Family Hubs will work with partners, including childminders, to deliver the outcomes of the strategy.

One of the key elements of the [Giving every child the best start in life](#) strategy is to support the home learning environment. In West Sussex, we are delivering this via PEEP Learning Together groups and stay and play sessions for families. The aim of these groups is for every family to make the most of everyday learning opportunities to improve children's outcomes and help narrow the gap in attainment.

The [PEEP Learning Together Programme](#) and the stay and play sessions are for families to attend with their children.

As a childminder, we know that your professional knowledge and strong relationships with families provides an excellent opportunity to share PEEP messages in your setting as part of your home learning support. We will be offering training to Early Years Educators, including childminders, to enable them to benefit from the PEEP programme and to access materials to support their parent partnership.

Family Hub spaces may be available to childminding network groups. If you lead a childminding network group and are interested in using the space for your group, please contact:

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We will continue to update you, including information about engagement events for professionals, about the development of the Family Hubs via our network meetings and the weekly newsletter.