

Winter 2022

# KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

Winter Edition Newsletter

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019?

Then, it will be time to start thinking about the primary school you would like your child to attend from September 2023. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2023.

To find out more and to apply, visit: [Starting primary school | Kensington and Chelsea](#) ([rbkc.gov.uk](#))  
**DONT DELAY, APPLY NOW!**

**Applications for  
a reception  
place for  
September 2023  
now open**



**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND  
DISABILITIES  
(SEND) LOCAL OFFER**

**Do you have a child, or are you a young person  
with SEND? Are you aware of the Westminster  
SEND Local Offer?**

Find out what services, programmes and activities  
are available to you or to your child locally. Visit:

[SEND Local Offer | Kensington and Chelsea](#)  
([rbkc.gov.uk](#))



# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: THE HAF PROGRAMME

**This Department for Education (DFE) initiative provides activity and food provision for children aged 4-16 during the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays. The programme includes summer camps, sports, arts, cooking, mentoring and leadership, and a wide range of activities for children and young people with SEND.**

**ENJOY  
ACTIVE FUN  
THIS Winter**

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR  
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE  
WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2022

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

City of Westminster

**OUR CITY**  
WESTMINSTER / KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

This winter, it's more important than ever that young people in Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea, have somewhere to go for fun activities and a healthy meal.

Whether you like cooking, arts or sports, there's something for all children and young people to enjoy!

There will also be lots of activities for those with special educational needs and/or disabilities so everyone can join the fun.

Don't delay! Find out what free activities and food offers are available to you and register today!

Offers vary between Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea. Visit the Our City website for more information and to register.

Free, guaranteed places available for Young People eligible for Free School Meals

VISIT THE OUR CITY WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:  
[ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme](https://ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme)

SCAN ME

**Free places and food will be provided to those who are eligible for free school meals. Families can also access nutritional information through the programme. There's something for everyone.  
Find out more and book a place.**



# FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE



SCAN HERE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

**15 AND 30 HOURS FREE EARLY  
LEARNING AND CHILDCARE  
FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS:**

ALL 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN  
ARE ENTITLED TO A FREE  
UNIVERSAL EARLY EDUCATION  
PLACE. EACH PLACE PROVIDES 15  
HOURS OF EARLY YEARS  
EDUCATION FOR UP TO 38 WEEKS  
PER YEAR.

CHILDREN IN SOME WORKING  
FAMILIES COULD ALSO BE  
ENTITLED TO AN ADDITIONAL 15  
HOURS OF FREE CHILDCARE,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE '30  
HOURS CHILDCARE OR EXTENDED  
ENTITLEMENT'.

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#).



**15 HOURS FREE EARLY LEARNING  
AND CHILDCARE FOR ELIGIBLE 2-  
YEAR-OLDS:**

IF YOU ARE ON A LOW INCOME OR  
CLAIMING INCOME-BASED BENEFITS,  
OR IF YOUR 2- YEAR-OLD HAS  
ADDITIONAL NEEDS, YOU MAY BE  
ENTITLED TO CLAIM 15 HOURS OF  
FREE EARLY EDUCATION AND  
CHILDCARE PER WEEK.

THIS ENTITLEMENT COULD BE  
ACCESSED AT A NURSERY OR WITH A  
REGISTERED CHILDMINDER. DON'T MISS  
OUT! THIS OPPORTUNITY WOULD  
ENABLE YOUR 2-YEAR-OLD CHILD TO  
RECEIVE HIGH QUALITY EARLY  
EDUCATION WHICH COULD HELP THEM  
TO DEVELOP EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE  
AND IMPORTANT SOCIAL,  
COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

FIND OUT MORE [HERE](#).

## TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

SOME WORKING FAMILIES MAY ALSO  
RECEIVE AN EXTRA £2 FOR EVERY £8  
PAID INTO AN ONLINE ACCOUNT  
TOWARDS CHILDCARE COSTS, UP TO  
£2,000 PER CHILD PER YEAR (THIS  
MAY BE HIGHER FOR CHILDREN WITH  
SEND).

CONTACT US FOR MORE  
INFORMATION, OR VISIT:  
[TAX-FREE CHILDCARE | KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA \(RBKC.GOV.UK\)](#).

# THINGS TO DO DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## UNDER 5s

### **FREE STAY AND PLAY - EVERY THURSDAY 10-11:30AM @ LATYMER COMMUNITY CHURCH, W10 6SU**

Drop-in sessions are an opportunity for children (and their parents and carers) to meet others, have fun, play and learn. We provide a safe fun environment for exploration and enjoyment. We have new activities daily, including outdoor and indoor play, rhyme and story time, exercise activities and music sessions.

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Tanya Bownds: 07815 726386 or [info@danielsden.org.uk](mailto:info@danielsden.org.uk)



## FOR KIDS

### **FREE DRAMA CLUB @ THE DALGARNO TRUST**

Our Drama Club is back for the new term, in conjunction with our friends at Playground Theatre. Sessions are free, during term time, for 7-12-year-olds. Spaces are limited, please sign up at [www.bookwhen.com/dalgarnotrust](http://www.bookwhen.com/dalgarnotrust).

For more information, click [here](#) or contact 020 8969 6300 or [youth@dalgarnotrust.org.uk](mailto:youth@dalgarnotrust.org.uk)



Scan to find more  
activities and  
things to do

Contact the KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE:

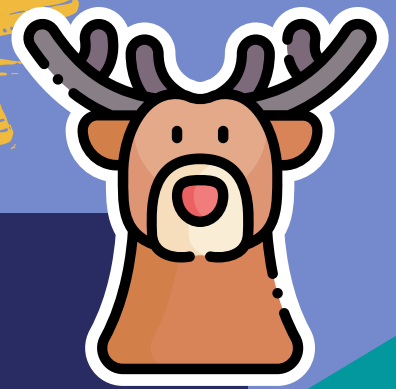
Tel: 07814 804262 / Email: [fis@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:fis@rbkc.gov.uk)

or visit: <https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/fis>





# CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY



Westminster  
Abbey



## Carols with the Choir

10 December 2022

10.00am - 1.00pm

Start your festive celebrations with a free seasonal Family Day at Westminster Abbey.

Join us for a special morning of:

- Shooting Star making
- Christmas Abbey Tours
- Carols with our Choir
- Warming Winter Stories

Scan the QR  
for more  
information



[www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/family/2022/december/family-day-carols-with-the-choir](http://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/family/2022/december/family-day-carols-with-the-choir)



# ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIRS



## Alternative Christmas Fair

Tuesday 13 December, 11am-3pm  
at Morley College Chelsea Centre, Hortensia Road,  
Chelsea, London, SW10 0QS

Free food and refreshments

Free haircuts for men

Free massage

Access to financial help & advice

Quizzes and good times!



For residents of Kensington & Chelsea, Queen's Park and Paddington

Access help and support regarding issues such as the cost of living, loneliness and isolation, domestic violence, substance misuse, mental health and wellbeing

For more details or to sign-up to workshops, scan the QR code or visit [communitylivingwell.co.uk](http://communitylivingwell.co.uk)



## Alternative Christmas Fair

Friday 16 December, 11am-3pm  
at Dalgarno Trust, Dalgarno Way, London W10 5LE

Free hot food and refreshments

Free haircuts for men

Free massage

Access to financial help & advice

Quizzes and good times!



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## IMMUNISATIONS

### Why childhood immunisation is important

Young babies are very vulnerable to infections, immunisations can help their bodies fight any future serious infections.

Your child needs several different vaccines to be fully protected, so it's important to complete their childhood immunisation programme.

Visit the link below or scan the code to find out more

Immunisations and Vaccinations ::  
North West London ICS  
([nwlondonics.nhs.uk](http://nwlondonics.nhs.uk))





# BI-BOROUGH EARLY YEARS CONFERENCE – FRIDAY 24TH FEB 2023

## Are you an Early Years Professional?

The Bi-borough Early Education and Childcare Service have brought together this **EXCITING PROGRAMME** which will be delivered by Early Years experts and professionals. This event will be covering a wide range of key topics. Don't delay.

Find out more and sign up:

[Early Years Conference 2023](#)

## SIGN UP NOW FOR THE EARLY YEARS VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

**'EYFS REFORMS:**

**TIME FOR REFLECTION'**

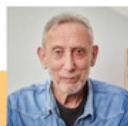
FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023

FROM 9.15AM TO 1.30PM

ON ZOOM WEBINAR

Organised by the Bi-borough Early Education and Childcare Service

Please book your places by clicking [here](#)  
Cost £35 per place



Michael Rosen,  
One of Britain's  
best loved writers  
and  
performance poets  
for children and  
adults



Helen Moylett,  
Early years  
consultant with  
national  
reputation as an  
inspirational  
conference  
speaker



Di Chilvers,  
Advisory  
consultant in early  
childhood  
education,  
trainer, mentor  
and author




Pete Moorhouse,  
Early years  
creative  
consultant and  
artist educator

## COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

With the rising costs of living, Kensington and Chelsea council has produced a cost-of-living hub pulling useful information in one place. This, and other related information can be accessed through our Family Information Service online directory:  
[Money Matters | Kensington and Chelsea \(rbkc.gov.uk\)](#)





# WINTER PUZZLES AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN



**CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS?**

COAT  
COLD  
FROST  
ICE

IGLOO  
SCARF  
SNOW  
WINTER



For more information or if you have any queries, contact:  
**KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE:**  
Tel: 07814 804262 / Email: [FIS@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:FIS@rbkc.gov.uk)  
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