



In Coventry, our **8** Best Start Family Hubs are designed to bring together services, support, and opportunities for families from pregnancy through to young adulthood, helping ensure that children and families receive the right support at the right time, in the right place. Through a connected and collaborative approach, we work alongside schools to improve outcomes for children and young people while supporting family wellbeing, resilience, attendance, emotional health, and early intervention needs.

The **Best Start in Life and the Healthy Babies Programme** focus on recognising that positive early experiences, strong family relationships, and timely support during pregnancy and the early years are critical in shaping lifelong outcomes for children.

The Healthy Babies Programme promotes the importance of early attachment, infant health, emotional wellbeing, nutrition, communication development, and parental confidence from conception onwards. Through Family Hubs and connected partnership working, we aim to ensure families can easily access support that enables babies and children to thrive physically, emotionally, socially, and developmentally.

Schools play a crucial role in the connected offer. They are best placed to see the long-term impact that early intervention and family support can have on children's readiness to learn, attendance, behaviour, emotional regulation, communication skills, and overall well-being. By strengthening links between schools, Family Hubs, health services, and community organisations, we can collectively build a more preventative and joined-up support system for families.

The Family Hub Connected Offer includes access to:

Health & Wellbeing Services:

- Health Visiting (Ages 0–5)
- Local Authority 0–19 Public Health Services
- Mental Health Services
- Midwifery, Maternity & Neonatal Support
- Healthy Growth & Nutrition Support
- Oral Health Improvement

- Screen Time Support
- Stop Smoking Support
- Substance Misuse Support
- Vaccinations

Safeguarding:

- Domestic Abuse Support
- Tackling Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation

Cost of Living & Other Assistance:

- Birth Registration
- Debt, Money & Welfare Advice
- Food Support
- Fuel Poverty Support
- Housing Support
- Parental Leave & Pay Guidance
- Social Welfare Advice Services

Family Support Services:

- Armed Forces Family Support
- Support for Children Affected by Parent/Carer Imprisonment
- Reducing Parent & Carer Conflict
- Support for Adoptive, Kinship & Foster Families
- Support for Separated & Separating Parents/Carers
- Targeted Family Support Services

Services for Children Aged 5+ & Young People:

- School Attendance Support
- Holiday Activities & Food (HAF)
- Youth Justice Services
- Universal & Targeted Youth Services

Our shared ambition is to ensure every child has the best possible start in life and every family feels connected, supported, and empowered to access help when needed. The Connected Offer is designed to complement and strengthen the excellent work already taking place within schools by improving pathways into support and encouraging collaboration for the earliest support.

For more information on the Best Start Family Hubs and the Connected Offer, please scan the QR code below or click the link below to browse the Coventry Families Portal, where you can access information, services, support pathways, resources, and opportunities available for children, young people, parents, carers, and families across Coventry.