



Outdoor adventures, childcare and all you need to know about holiday jobs for youngsters

Outdoor adventures on Dorset's Jurassic Coast



Over the summer holidays why not try your hand at sailing, kayaking, climbing, coasteering or abseiling through [Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre](#).

All the instructors are highly qualified and experienced. This means that whichever activity you choose you will enjoy a safe and memorable experience. You can even [hold your birthday party there](#).

There is a new PDF brochure online where you can [see all the activities available](#) in one place.

Director for Children's Services reflects on recent BBC fostering Series

Sara Tough, the Director for Children's Services at Dorset County Council recently reflected on the BBC series [Protecting our Foster Kids](#), [in a blog](#) to professional body, [Research in Practice](#).

Protecting our Foster Kids took a candid look at the difficulties and huge rewards which can come with fostering children.

If you think you could [change a child's life by fostering for Dorset](#) please check out these pages to find out more.



Has your child got a summer holiday job?



If your child wants to take up a part time job over the summer holidays, [check out the latest guidelines for what they can and can't do](#) and how many hours a child is allowed to legally work.

There are lots of rules affecting child employment - don't get caught out.

Looking for activity clubs or fun things to do over the holidays?

For information about [childcare over the holidays](#) and to [find fun things to do with the kids](#) look no further.

[The family information directory](#) has lots to offer parents in Dorset.

From here you can even [find out whether your two year old is entitled to 15 hours of free education](#).



Tax-free childcare: Top 10 things parents should know



Tax-free childcare will be available to up to 1.8 million households to help with the cost of childcare.

Originally due to launch this autumn, the scheme has now been delayed to 2017. The DfE has updated their information on [the top ten things parents need to know](#) about the scheme.

Messy play for under eights in Blandford

[Blandford Children's Centre](#) is holding messy play sessions for children under eight, between 2.00-4.00pm on these Mondays throughout the summer:

20 July, 27 July, 10 August and 17 August.

There will be soft-play for under ones, face painting and lots of other activities. Refreshments also available and please bring spare clothes!



Music opportunities for all

Young people are being offered the chance to [play a musical instrument](#) by the Dorset Music Service at a Sunday music centre.



We offer all-inclusive music experiences for students at differing abilities during the autumn and spring terms. Rehearsals promise to be fun with professional musicians providing the coaching and guidance in preparation for a variety of performances.

See here for [more information and to complete an online application form](#).



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