



## A great start for babies and young children

Everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to know what to do as a parent in the early years. That's where HENRY comes in.

The HENRY programme helps you give your child the best possible start in life.



*"This programme changed my life."*

[www.henry.org.uk](http://www.henry.org.uk)

## About the programme

The programme is for parents or carers of children aged 0 to 5 years old. It is free to join.

Everyone wants the best for their children, but with so much conflicting advice it can be hard to know what to do for the best as a parent, especially in the early years.



The HENRY *Healthy Families: Right from the Start* programme is running locally. Join the thousands of families across the country who have benefited from the support and tips it provides for young families.

Research shows that the key ingredients to ensuring babies and young children have a healthy start in life are:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activity for little ones
- What children and families eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 weeks and provides everything you need to help get your little one off to a great start.

## Weekly sessions

Each week helps you provide a healthy, happy, supportive environment for the whole family.

**Week 1** – Decide what changes you want to make and set your own goals

**Week 2** – How to juggle life with young children so you all get what you need

**Week 3** – How to respond to children's needs without giving in to all their demands

**Week 4** – Positive mealtime tips for a happy family – reducing mealtime stress for everyone

**Week 5** – Ideas for active play to help children learn, develop and stay happy

**Week 6** – Food groups, food labels, portion sizes for under 5s, first foods, and snack swaps

**Week 7** – Understanding and managing your child's behaviour for a happier home

**Week 8** – Celebrate your success as a parent and plan the future for your family

*"I highly recommend it. It was brilliant."*



## Is the HENRY programme for me?

The HENRY programme can help everyone with a baby or young child. Every parent who joins learns something new and useful.



If you have at least one child under 5 years old and can answer 'yes' to any of the questions below then HENRY is for you:

- ☐ Would you like to feel more confident as a parent?
- ☐ Would you like some support to give your child a healthy start?
- ☐ Do you wish your child would eat more fruit and vegetables?
- ☐ Would you like to reduce mealtime stress?
- ☐ Would you like to enjoy being active together as a family more often?
- ☐ Are you interested in some ideas to get children away from the TV?

Eligibility applies family needs to be registered with HVCCG GP, priority will be given to families with a child above the 91st centile. After this, any free spaces will be offered to families who meet 2 of our secondary criteria including concerns around eating habits, sleep, oral health, screen time, activity levels and parents or siblings being overweight or obese.

## What do other parents say about it?

- ☐ 97% of parents would recommend it
- ☐ 89% feel more confident as a parent

*"I'm so glad I did this programme. Do it!"*

*"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"*

## What do I get on a HENRY programme?

Every parent joining a HENRY programme receives a HENRY toolkit which includes everything you'll need during the programme and helpful resources to use in your family.

The HENRY toolkit will help you give your child a great start in life, get the whole family involved, and keep track of how well you're doing.

## What is HENRY?

HENRY is a charity working to give babies and young children a healthy start in life.



The HENRY Parent Toolkit

## How can I join a programme?

HENRY programmes are running locally soon. Talk to your local Child Health Assistant, Health visiting Service, or Sure Start Centre to find out more, help you decide if you would enjoy it, or to ask to join a programme.

## Programme Details

We have programmes running in different locations around Herts Valley. And an online programme too.

Please call 01707248648 to book your place!

## For more information about HENRY go to:



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