children Ready For School Success



Are you getting your children and families ready for September 2025?

Transition into school can be a worrying and stressful time for children and parents/carers. A smooth transition is essential to support emotional health and wellbeing, and children who are well supported learn positive ways of coping with change.

Starting school is a huge step in any child's life and staff from both early years provisions and schools need to work together to support families in this transition period.

It is important that children and parents / carers are given opportunities to familiarise themselves with the school environment so that they can start building relationships with the key members of staff. Parents and carers need to have clear information about what will be happening in the transition process and how they can support their child.

Preparation for the transition should begin early and childcare providers and schools should develop and maintain positive relationships to facilitate the process. Practitioners should ensure that there is good communication and information-sharing between themselves and parents / carers prior to a child starting school.

What enables children to be ready for school success?

"From conception, supporting parents and families to support their children to have strong social skills, being able to cope emotionally with being separated from parents, having effective communication, being relatively independent in their own personal care and to have a curiosity about the world and a desire to learn." This will then ensure that we have:

Ready communities + Ready services + Ready families + Ready children = Children ready for school success

What should you being doing now to support

transition to primary school Sept 2025?

Please refer to the transition timeline on page 2 and begin to share the <u>'Children Ready for School Success checklist and journey to school resources'</u> https://wsh.wokingham.gov.uk/early-years-childcare-and-play/children-ready-school-success.

Children Ready for School Success Timeline



Early Years Providers

Autumn Term:

Sept - Dec

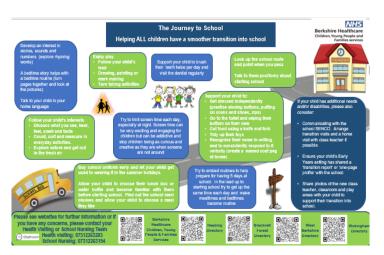
Provide Information boards QR code of 'Children Ready for School Success' add link to school admissions

- Remind parents / social workers to apply for school places before the mid-Jan deadline. Offer support
 on completing the school admissions process.
- . Review policies to ensure permissions are in place to share transition records.
- Arrange meetings/information sessions with parents / carers to discuss school transition, the process
 and 'Children Ready for School Success' resources. Invite a school to attend some of these meetings.
- Inform parents / carers of the schools open days/tours for children moving to school next Sept via school websites
- Address any outstanding issues identified in the 2yr old progress check and ongoing development reviews.
- Attend transition networks.
- Ensure that all annual EHCP reviews are applied/completed and receiving settings involved



- Attend transition network
- Provide feedback to early years providers/WBC on 'previous Sept' transition records and processes, are
 there any areas that could be enhanced or changed.
- · Continue to hold discussions on current cohort progress in settling in and development.
- Continue to build relationships and 'presence' of early years providers. Invite Early Years providers to harvest festival, carol concerts and other seasonal school productions and events.

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As mentioned on page 1 you can share the 'Children Ready for School Success checklist' and 'journey to school' with parents and carers. With your sensitive guidance this will help identify areas where their child may need extra support in being school ready.

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If you have any queries regarding supporting children and parents/carers ready for primary school transitions please email the early years team on earlyyears@wokingham.gov.uk