

Dear Parent/Carer

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Please find enclosed a START leaflet and a poster that is intended to offer you suggestions that will help prepare your child for school. Starting reception class can be a daunting experience for children, for example getting to know new people, new environments and new routines. By following the guidance your child may settle better into school life. This may mean they are more independent, more confident and are able to express their needs, which may make their transition to reception a more positive one.

All children are different and develop at their own pace, the suggested activities can be done when you think the time is right. Please do not worry about how other children may be doing, the key element is to make the learning fun whilst providing positive praise and support.

Being prepared for school is about children having those 'little life skills', that help them throughout the day. Your child's school will support your child in reading and writing through a programme that develops them stage by stage.

If you need any support or feel your child may need additional help, then please contact your local 0-19 health practitioner contact details are on the leaflet or speak to your child's key worker (if in a childcare setting).

The Start programme is being supported by local schools within your community area.

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