

School readiness

School readiness can mean different things to different people; however, it is widely acknowledged that in order for children to be 'ready' for school there are a range of skills that need to be developed. These skills set the foundation for learning and successful adaptation to school life.

These may include:

Social: Turn-taking, sharing, following rules and listening in groups.

Emotional: self-confident, shows empathy, separates from carer.

Physical: Run, climb, balance, co-ordinated, throw and catch.

Fine motor: draws using pincer grip, uses scissors.

Language: answer questions, maintains conversation and can follow directions.

Cognitive: identifies shapes, colours, count and recognises own name.

Self Help: Toileting independently, looks after belongings.

Did you know?

Play is incredibly important to children's development and is how children learn!

Attendance in the early years can support early identification of emerging needs. So appropriate support can be put in place sooner.

If your child is persistently absent from an early years setting, it may affect their free entitlement funding.

Research shows that children with good early years attendance perform better at the end of reception than their peers.

Useful contacts and websites

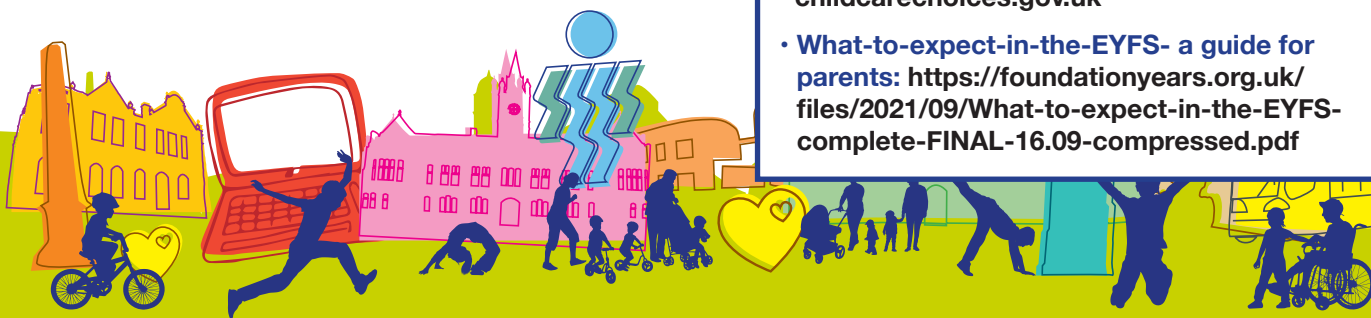
- **Family Information Service (FIS):**
0161 342 4260/www.tameside.gov.uk/surestart/tops/information
- **BBC Tiny Happy People:**
www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people
- **Grow:**
gotogrowtameside.co.uk
- **Childcare Choices:**
childcarechoices.gov.uk
- **What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS- a guide for parents:** <https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Attendance in the Early Years Matters!



A Guide for Parents and Carers

“Even when you are very small, good attendance makes a BIG difference”





What will my child gain from regular attendance at an early years setting?

- Various play opportunities- which is incredibly important to help your child develop!
- Helps to build and support good habits for school and future learning.
- Prepares children for school life.
- It supports the development of social and emotional skills, which are required to make and maintain friendships.
- Expands a child's world, feeding their curiosity.
- Supports child's early life skills including self care and starting to become independent, capable learners.
- Supports the development of early language and communication skills.
- A varied curriculum!
- Lots of FUN!
- Supports school readiness!

Why is attendance in the early years important?

“Children learn and develop at a faster rate from birth to five years old than at any other time in their lives, so their experiences in early years have a major impact on their future life chances.”...

“Good parenting and high-quality early learning provide the foundation children need to fulfil their potential.”

EYFS Statutory Framework 2024

What can I do to support my child?

Have a good bedtime and morning routine.

Prepare bags the night before and set out clothes ready.

Talk about the fun they will have and show an interest in what they have done that day.

Talk to your setting if you or your child are struggling.

Always let the setting know if your child will be absent.

Ensure the settings has your up-to-date contact details.

You could try accessing one of the Tameside grow activities at a family hub.

