

# School Readiness

## Parent/Carer Information

Children's Universal Services



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## Introduction

Preparation for school begins in the very earliest stages of a child's life. This leaflet aims to help you understand what you can do to get your child off to the best start, to be school ready!

## Why is school readiness important?

Children who enter school ready to learn are more likely to **succeed** at school and **achieve** throughout their life.

Encouraging **physical**, **social** and **emotional** development through play is the key to school readiness.

School readiness has three layers:

- **Ready children** – prepared for learning and development
- **Ready families** – positive about learning, creating opportunities for your child's early learning and development at home and at school
- **Ready schools** - quality education and learning environments that are child friendly and flexible to your child's needs

## School readiness begins at birth!

School readiness is taught through play!

**Attachment** with main carer is the foundation for all developmental milestones to be achieved.

**Responding to your child's needs** is key to supporting their growth and development. Maintain a stimulating home environment by:

- **Talking** to your baby or child
- **Singing** to and with your baby or child
- **Reading** and looking at books with your baby or child
- **Providing** opportunities for **floor play** and **tummy time**

## You can help your child get ready for school by:

- Practising counting, saying letters, identifying shapes and colours
- Providing regular bedtime and meal-time routines
- Opportunities for play – with you and with other children
- Developing your child's independence when using the toilet, hand washing and dressing

## Get in Touch

Your Health Visiting team are available to offer support in relation to School readiness prior to your child starting school. They can be contacted on the following number:

**Health Visiting Duty Number: 0300 707 1243**

## School Nursing Team

When your child starts school, care will pass from the **Health Visiting** to **School Nursing Team**. You can contact School Nursing via their Duty Number on **Telephone**:

**0300 707 1091**

School nurses are specialist practitioners that work across education and health to provide a link between school, home and the community. Your School Nurse Team can provide:

- Health assessments
- Home visits
- General health advice
- Support with concerns
- Immunisations
- Care plans in school
- Health promotion
- Safeguarding
- Links to other services

Both Health Visiting and School Nursing phonelines are available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm with an answerphone operating at busy times. Leave your name, number and message and they will get back to you.

## Some Useful Websites

### Health Visiting Team on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100039831821739>

### School Nursing Team on Twitter (we are also on Facebook Wigan & Leigh School Nursing)

Twitter: @WWL\_SchoolNursing

**Free Ready for School Leaflet from the Professional Association for Childcare & Early Years** <https://www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-schoolready/#readyforschool>

### Wigan Council Schools Page

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/Schools.aspx>

## Childhood vaccinations - is your child's up to date?

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

### School Nursing



### Health Visiting



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## Comments, Compliments or Complaints

The Patient Relations/Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) Department provides confidential on the spot advice, information and support to patients, relatives, friends, and carers.

## Contact Us

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## Ask 3 Questions

Become more involved in decisions about your healthcare. You may be asked to make choices about your treatment. To begin with, try to make sure you get the answers to three key questions:

1. What are my options?
2. What are the positives and negatives of each option for me?
3. How do I get support to help me make a decision that is right for me?



## How We Use Your Information

For details on how we collect, use, and store the information we hold about you, please see patient information leaflet, Ref. **Corp 006** How we use your information, this can be found on the Patient Information Leaflets page on the Trust website, see details on the front cover.

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