

## What is Start Well?

It is an improved way of working for early years services in Stockport such as health visitors, early years workers and your child's setting. It will refocus the offer for children (pre-birth to 5 years) to ensure better access for those who need it. Working together, early years services, families and communities will ensure children have the best possible start in life and are 'school ready'. Families will feel supported and empowered by receiving the right support at the right time.

## What is school readiness?

School readiness is a set of skills and behaviours that children have developed by the time they go to school. This allows them to adjust well to school and to benefit from the learning experiences they have there.

School readiness supports all children to start well in the early years from birth to the age of five. This helps them to reach their full potential so they can make the most from everyday life and their statutory education.



## Where can I find out more?

Should you require any support please contact your health visitor or discuss with your setting.

For more information, please contact your child's setting/childminder or visit [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk)



# Start Well in the Early Years



Supporting your child's attendance and punctuality



## How your child benefits from early education



- It prepares children for school life
- It promotes social and emotional development
- It helps children begin to become independent learners
- Children learn to take care of themselves and others
- It promotes language and cognitive skills
- It nurtures a child's curiosity
- Early education activities boost pre-maths and literacy skills
- It helps develop their physical skills
- Early education most importantly is fun

## Did you know?

- Absence disrupts a child's learning and development
- Children who do not attend regularly find it difficult to make and maintain friendships

## Research

Research shows that children with poor attendance are at a disadvantage in later life.

- They are less likely to do well at school and gain qualifications
- Have a higher chance of being unemployed or earning low wages

## Do you realise in the year if your child misses...

- 3 hrs a week they lose 114 learning hours
- 6 hours a week they lose 228 learning hours
- 9 hours a week they lose 342 learning hours

12 hours a week they lose 456 learning hours

## What can you do to support good attendance and punctuality?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning/afternoon routine
- Lay out clothes and organise school/nursery bag the night before
- Develop back up plans for getting to your setting if something comes up. Call on a family member or another parent
- Talk to your setting if you are struggling
- If your child is going to be late or absent always contact your setting on the day
- Don't forget to let your setting know if you change your mobile number

