

Rationale for Change

- Feedback from schools and settings
- Mismatch between parents and teachers re: definition of school Readiness
- Launch of the **Government Priority:** [Best Start in Life](#)
- Review of Rochdale's Transition processes

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Strategic Planning and Collaboration

- Steering Group established to co-create a Rochdale way of capturing children's skills in line with the starting reception document.
- EYFS Transition document to be used by all settings, schools and Family Hubs to inform the reception teacher of the key skills of each child. This will also be shared with families, so they know which skills to prioritise.
- Parent Friendly guide to practising skills which will help them to move into reception smoothly .
- Webpage launched for starting reception with useful links and support for families.
- Communications plan developed to support with sharing key messages and consistency across the LA.
- A Local Authority wide approach for all families has been considered.

Get Ready with Teddy Campaign

- Early Years Transition Document will be shared with practitioners in early spring. To be shared with schools.
- Families will receive a Teddy bear along with Home Learning activities to support children to practise skills ready for starting reception.
- Family Hubs will develop a range of sessions to support families as they practise these key skills. Key Messages shared with families will include attendance, toilet training, improving communication.
- Reception classes to welcome the Teddy bears along with the children when starting reception.

Meet and Greets

- Delivered in Family Hubs once per quarter as a multi agency team including EWO's, SEND services, early years teams, school admissions.
- Aim is to support families with any barriers to accessing education and engagement with schools with a view to improving attendance.
- Supporting parent's emotional resilience at this time of transition.

Next steps

- Engagement with this campaign across the sector
- increase the number of children deemed reception ready.
- Improve GLD
- Increase attendance in EYFS
- Agree a strategy for measuring the impact of this campaign.