

# SCHOOL READINESS IN SANDWELL

Working together with families to ensure every child in Sandwell has the best start in life



## Quality Early Years and Childcare Services

The Quality Early Years and Childcare services provide sufficiency and quality of early years provision in order to raise achievement of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Contact: **0121 569 4960**  
[www.sandwell.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/earlyyears)

## Family Information Services

The Family Information Service (FIS) provide free, confidential and impartial advice and guidance on all aspects of childcare and related services in Sandwell to parents/carers with babies and children aged from birth until 19 Years of age.

Contact: **0121 569 4914**  
[fis.sandwell.gov.uk](http://fis.sandwell.gov.uk)

## Children's Centres

Early Years services work in partnership with parents to support their understanding of how children learn and develop so that their children are ready for school.

Smethwick Cape Hill and Windmill Children Centre  
**0121 555 6756**

Oldbury Burnt Tree Children's Centre  
**0121 557 0740**

Greets Green Children's Centre (West Bromwich Central)  
**0121 500 4011**

Hillside Children's Centre (WestBromwich North)  
**0121 588 5431**

Rowley (Springfield) Children's Centre  
**0121 559 9916**

Tipton Children's Centre  
**0121 522 5150**

Friar Park, Mesty Croft and Woods Children's Centre  
**0121 556 5405**

## Health Visitors

Health Visitors work with parents and carers who have new babies, offering support from the ante-natal period until the child starts school at five years of age

Contact Centre: **0121 612 5021**

## Speech and Language Therapy Team (SALT)

Speech and Language Therapists work with children with speech, language, interaction or swallowing difficulties?

### FASTA (Faster Access to Sandwell Therapy Assessment)

Contact: **0121 612 2010** (Referrals may be instigated by professionals, but parents must make the phone call to make the appointment)

## Inclusion Support Early Years (ISEY)

ISEY supports children in their early years who have individual or special educational needs/disabilities (SEND). It is a multiagency service made up of professionals from health and education.

Contact: **0121 569 2860/2859**  
(ISEY operates an open referral system. This mean that parents/carers as well as professionals can make a referral)

This is a guide to support you to identify different stages that children could be at in the early years foundation stage

## Ready for Stay and Play now I am here

### Child

I am interacting with family members during play.

I am willing to 'have a go' in my play.

I am beginning to communicate through talking.

I am learning new words everyday.

### Family

We will find out about our child's development.

We will play and learn with our child.

We will sing songs and rhymes.

We will share books and tell stories together.

### Children's Centre

We will ensure sessions are inclusive to all families.

We will support and guide our parents.

Our sessions will support children's social and emotional well-being.

We will celebrate all community home languages by learning from you.

**Don't forget, you may qualify for a FREE 2 year old place.**

**Don't forget, to apply for a FREE 3 year old place at the nursery of your choice.**

## Ready for Nursery now I am 3

### Child

I am beginning to become independent in doing things for myself.

I am beginning to play alongside my friends.

I am beginning to enjoy my favourite stories, songs and rhymes.

I am beginning to use action words in my play, for example, 'I am jumping'.

### Family

We will find out about how our child likes to learn and provide opportunities for experiences at home.

We will support our child to become independent in eating, washing hands and toileting.

We will continue to share and read books together daily.

We will let our child watch us write and encourage them to make marks.

We will provide everyday opportunities to use numbers, for example, counting as you climb the stairs.

### Nursery

We will help your child build on their words by commenting, expanding and giving them exciting words to use in their play.

We will work in partnership with you, giving you practical ideas to develop your child at nursery and at home.

**Don't forget to apply for your child's school place.**

## Ready for Reception now I am 4

### Child

I am showing you the knowledge and skills I have through my play and can talk to you about it.

I am learning to match letters with their sounds.

I am beginning to write my name.

I am learning to say, count and write numbers purposefully in my play.

I am using nouns, verbs and adjectives to talk to other people about what I need and what I can do.

### Family

We will learn about how our child is learning through the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We will encourage our child to be independent in dressing, undressing and self care.

We will continue to model writing and support our child to make more meaningful marks, for example, by writing a shopping list.

We will talk and play with numbers and shapes.

We will read books to our child and let them read to us.

### School

We will support your child to become an independent and confident learner through play.

We will provide opportunities to experience early literacy and early maths through play.

We will work in partnership with you to develop your understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## Ready for Year 1 now I am 5

### Child

I can listen to other people and include their ideas in my play and work as part of a small group.

I can ask questions, make comments and suggestions about stories I have listened to.

I can use my imagination to write sentences that others can read.

I can use my maths skills to solve problems.

### Family

We will understand Year 1 expectations and share any relevant information from home.

We will hear our child read daily and support them in any home learning activities.

We will continue to build our child's confidence, self-esteem, independence and motivation to learn.

### School

We will build upon your child's ability to become an independent learner and become confident with who they are.

We understand the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and how to build upon this keeping your child's emotional well-being at the heart of what we do.

We will work in partnership with you to develop your understanding of the Year 1 National Curriculum.