

Knowsley Early Years – Giving your child the best start

By providing support, help and advice for 0-5 year-olds and their families around Knowsley through our fully integrated service.

What is school readiness?

School readiness starts at birth with the support of parents and caregivers. This is when your child will acquire the social and emotional skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to succeed in their school life. A good foundation will boost your child's future educational attainment and life chances. We want children to be curious about the world and have a desire to learn and understand and be confident and happy.



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Where can I find out more?

www.knowsleyinfo.co.uk/childcare



or call

0151 443 5633

**Supporting your child's
attendance and punctuality**

The Early Years Attendance Strategy sits as a supporting document to the Knowsley Schools Attendance Strategy "Every Day Counts"

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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

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** hours 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

**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

