

Services for Young Children

Starting Reception – Resources to Share with Parents

The Department for Education have asked that the following resources are shared with parents to support their child in preparing for school.

- [Starting Reception website](#)
- [Starting Reception Guide \(Downloadable PDF\)](#)

Starting Reception is a free, practical online resource designed to support parents and carers in preparing their child for school. It offers simple activities, helpful advice and clear guidance on the key skills and routines that help children feel confident and ready for their first day.

Starting Reception have also provided guides for Potty Training and Children's Toothbrushing. Children being able to use the toilet independently and having healthy routines such as brushing their teeth is an important part of getting ready for starting school.

- [Potty Training Guide website](#)
- [Potty Training Guide \(Downloadable PDF\)](#)
- [Children's Toothbrushing Guide website](#)
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Also...

As part of the Government's Early Years strategy, the Best Start in Life campaign brings together trusted advice and support to help families recognise how everyday moments support children's development and build the skills they need for starting school.



Preparing for School – part of the wider Best Start in Life campaign – has been launched to support parents in preparing their child for starting school this September. The campaign highlights that being prepared is about developing everyday skills, not just having the right uniform.

At the heart of the campaign is the Steps for School song – a new music video featuring a rap by award-winning teacher-turned-rapper MC Grammar. The video highlights simple, practical steps parents can practice with their child to support their development and build confidence and independence: [Steps For School Song | @Best Start in Life + @MC Grammar](#)

Please encourage parents to explore the new Preparing for school webpage on Best Start in Life, which brings together helpful guidance and tips: [Preparing for school - Best Start in Life](#)