

What is Stockport Family?

Stockport Family is the name used for all services working with children and families in Stockport.

What is Start Well?

Start Well brings together services who work with families and children 0-5 years with a shared focus of supporting school readiness.

Services including Start Well Health Visitor and Early Years teams, Early Years providers and education will work together with families to ensure every child receives the right support at the right time in order to thrive and develop well.

What is School Readiness?

The journey to school readiness starts from pre-birth to age five.

To be 'school ready' means a child enters primary school ready to engage in and benefit from all the learning experiences available, enabling him or her to become lifelong learners.

All children have different needs and abilities which will be embraced on their school readiness journey to ensure they achieve their full developmental potential, giving families the confidence they need.

The home learning environment is key to supporting a child's school readiness. This not only includes access to toys and books, but also relationships and interactions in and around the home with parents and family members. All of which supports a child's early social, emotional, physical, communication and language development.



Where can I find out more?

For more information please contact your child's Early Years setting or Health Visitor

Or visit: www.stockport.gov.uk



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Team Around the Early Years A Parent's Guide



What is Team Around the Early Years? (TAEY)



As a parent you know your child better than anyone else. In order to help you help your child to reach their full potential and become school ready, we believe that offering support at an early age is very important.

Whilst your child is at their setting their key person will identify your child's strengths and they may also at times identify some additional needs, or as a parent you may feel like you need some extra support and may not be sure where or who to go to for this advice or help.

The TAEY is a shared conversation about children who may benefit from additional support to reach their full potential.

You can go to your child's key person, nursery manager for advice or the early years setting may also talk to you if they feel your child needs some extra support and ask your permission for your child to be discussed as part of the TAEY approach.

Families working with the TAEY team will have access to support from...

- Health Visitor
- Early Years setting
- Early Years Worker
- Start Well Coordinator
- Other relevant professionals linked to your early years provider and community.



What Support?

Examples of support we can offer -

- Parenting support
- Specialist 1 -1 support e.g. Speech and Language
- Access to a range of services from Stockport Family

What happens next? ...

Following the discussion with the TAEY team, a conversation will take place with you on how we can work with you to provide the best possible support.

If you agree then an Early Help Assessment will be completed with you to look at your strengths as a family, areas we can support you with a clear plan agreed together. Sometimes we may organise a Team Around the Family (TAF) meeting with you and all the professionals who will be working with you and your family.

This is a good way to ensure you are getting the right support in a timely manner and only telling your story once.

