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West Sussex Best Start Plan 2026-2029

Easy to Read version



About this easy read



This is the easy read of a big plan for West Sussex called the **West Sussex Best Start Plan**.



It tells you what we want to do to help babies, young children and families.



This easy read tells you about the main things in the bigger plan.



You could ask someone to help you read it if you need to.

Why the Early Years Matter



The first 1,001 days are key to children's development. Babies' brains grow quickly, and early relationships help children feel safe.

Our Vision



Every child in West Sussex gets the Best Start in Life. Is safe, healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

Our Three Priorities

1. Better support for families



2. More accessible early education and childcare



3. Better quality in early years and Reception



We want



More children achieving a good level of development at the end of reception year in school.



Children developing well and staying safe.



Parents to feel confident as a parent.



More two year olds taking up their funded entitlement.



More children ready to start school.

How we will deliver the plan

We have five areas of work:



Supporting home learning environments



Improvement for early years settings and schools



Increase number of families using their funded entitlement



Improve Inclusion and SEND support



Improve maternal and early years help

How we will check progress



We will look at how children are progressing and talk to families to ask for feedback.

Working Together



We will work with families, early years providers, schools, health partners, Family Hubs and communities

Reviewing the plan



We will update the plan regularly. Families will help shape improvements.