



What does the programme offer?

Smart Start is a 3 year programme designed to give children in Warwickshire the best start in life.

Warwickshire County Council is working with providers of early years' education, social care and health services to look at how best to improve outcomes for children aged 0-5 years and how best to support their parents or carers.

The Smart Start programme will support the re-design of services for children aged 0-5 years and their families to ensure they are effective and sustainable. This may include education and health and social care, but also other services such as art, culture, sport/leisure and housing. Work will entail engagement with the community, voluntary and private sectors.

We are keen to engage our communities to come up with innovative solutions to address the gaps in provision for children aged 0-5 years in Warwickshire. It's not just about us providing services, but we have to empower our communities to do this for themselves. We are working towards integrating pathways and services for children to ensure better access and value for money.

Our commitment is to have:

- More children achieve at least the expected level in all areas of learning;
- More children kept safe from harm;
- More children and families accessing good quality services;
- More children and families achieve good outcomes regardless of demographic or location;
- More parents/carers equipped to give their children the best start in life;
- More parents/carers achieve economic wellbeing;
- More parents/carers experience good health and wellbeing;

Recent Updates and good news:

- The Programme has been endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board who regard it as one of their key priorities.
- The first 0-5 needs assessment has been completed and the Programme's priorities agreed.
- The first project proposals to deliver the Programme's priorities have been submitted and are being evaluated.

Key fact:

In 2014/15, 33.8% of reception aged children in Warwickshire, were assessed as **not** being "school ready", accounting for over 4,200 children (Department of Education).



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