

# School Readiness – Key Achievements



- ❖ Take up of Free Early Education Entitlement
- ❖ COVID recovery programmes
- ❖ 2 year olds
- ❖ Home learning environment
- ❖ Expansion of childcare

# Take up of Free Early Education Entitlement



Autumn 2023	Leicestershire	National *
2 year olds	79%	73.3%
3 & 4 year olds	94%	93.7%

Statistical First release: Provision for children under 5 January 2023 (release date 6.7.2023) national

# Two year olds

- ❖ Two year old conference
- ❖ Developed eLearning
- ❖ Continue with pathway of support after ASQ
- ❖ Schemas and sensory play
- ❖ Reviewed school readiness toolkit
- ❖ Two year old integrated health review pilot



# COVID recovery programmes



- ❖ The government is provided a package of up to £180 million for workforce training, qualifications and support and guidance for the early years sector to help address the impact of the pandemic on the youngest and most disadvantaged children.
- ❖ The package offered training in:
  - ❖ Child development
  - ❖ Professional development programme Phase 3
  - ❖ Level 3 SENco training
  - ❖ Experts and Mentors programme

# Home learning environment

- ❖ Maths cards
- ❖ Voice work
- ❖ E learning
- ❖ Portage home activity sheets
- ❖ Best Start in Life



## Everyday fun with maths

Everyday tasks and activities can be a great chance to have fun and find out more about maths together

### Car Journeys

Encourage children to play games in the car to make maths fun. Enjoy counting together and look out for objects that interest your child. Spot things on your journey: 'how many red cars can you see?'; 'there's a big tractor'; 'we're going under a bridge'; 'through the tunnel' and 'up the hill'. Play together and encourage your child to spot things along the way too. Praise your child for having a go. You can have more fun by repeating your child's comments and adding more words to extend their vocabulary.



### Supporting your child to develop their language

Try to remember to ask less questions and make more comments about what is happening, have a go at saying four comments to one question.

1. I can see the red car
2. There's a tall building
3. That's right, we're going through the tunnel
4. I can see the hill
5. What can you see?

### Words to share

One, two, three, four, five, under, up, down, through, big, small

### Making it work for your family

Focus on one idea and keep it simple, for example regularly comment on going under. 'We are going under a bridge'; 'we are going under a tree'; 'we are going under the road'. When your child understands going 'under', you can add another idea such as 'over'.



### Next time you could try ...

This activity can take place on any journey, taking the bus, walking or even cycling. Follow your child's lead and have fun together finding out about maths.

Look all around you, **talk together** about the things you see, **recap together** on what you have enjoyed - children enjoy doing the same activity again and again and again - this really helps them to learn and remember.

# Expansion of childcare

- ❖ Childcare sufficiency assessment providers
- ❖ Funding rates and consultation
- ❖ Capital grants
- ❖ Operational and steering groups
- ❖ Childcare Sufficiency Assessment for parents
- ❖ Recruitment
- ❖ Childminders
- ❖ Webpages
- ❖ Information for providers and parents
- ❖ Preparing for expansion of wraparound childcare



# Leicestershire Maternity and Early Childhood Strategy 2023- 25



- ❖ Key partners have met to ensure consistent and shared messages are shared across the 0-5 arena
- ❖ We have a wider engagement of voluntary groups attending and participating
- ❖ We have begun mapping the data across services that we have to ensure we can take collective responsibility for the delivery of high-quality services and work together to target areas or populations with the highest needs and agree our shared outcomes

# Family Hubs – Key Achievements



- ❖ First phase of website user testing
- ❖ Continued work with target groups: Charnwood access to maternity services, Gypsy and Traveller Community, Care Leavers
- ❖ 31 launches (20 Centres, 11 libraries)
- ❖ Early Years Conference
- ❖ Parent surveys and family engagement



# Family Hubs – Key Achievements



- ❖ Capital spend – Family Hub improvements – focused work with young people to make sure they are inviting for the whole family



# Family Hubs Key Achievements



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**Parents and  
carers**



**Young people**



**Professionals**



**Volunteering**

# 1001 Critical Days Key Achievements



- ❖ Start for Life Offer due to be published by end of March 2024
- ❖ Infographic explains the offer to families
- ❖ Continued awareness raising through social media with over 40,000 views of posts

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