

Transition to school campaign 2019-2020



Communication pack for **kindergarten services** to support children's successful transition to school.



Overview

The Department of Education is running the *Transition to school* campaign to promote the importance of supporting successful transitions to school and the value of transition statements.

Starting school is an important milestone in a child's life. Supporting children to successfully transition from home or kindy to school helps foster their confidence and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

By working together, early childhood services, schools, families and community organisations can help children enjoy a great start to school.

As you are aware, the transition statement is one way to support successful transitions from kindy to school for children, families, schools and services. Transition statements contain important information about each child's learning and development in kindy and include suggestions that will support each child's continued learning and wellbeing when they start school. The statements include information contributed by parents or carers and the child.

After receiving the transition statement, parents and carers are encouraged to sign a transition statement consent form, which allows, the kindy provider, to send the transition statement directly to the child's new school.

The *Transition to school* campaign raises awareness among parents about the transition statement as well as the consent form, with short videos and articles on *The Early Years Count* website.

This pack includes tools that kindy providers can use to support successful transitions and promote the value of transition statements to your families.

New in the 2019:

As of 9 October 2019, services will be able to access the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority's (QCAA) new kindergarten transitions statement template aligned to the *Queensland kindergarten learning guideline*, including the five learning and development areas.

The template supports the provision of consistent information to parents/carers and schools about children's learning. For more information on this template, please email qklg@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone 3120 6102.

Also this year, the Department is making it easier for kindergartens to email transition statements to schools and for schools to receive them by creating a generic transition






email address, shared mailbox for all state schools. This will make it easier for kindergartens to send transition statements to schools as they now know the correct email.

For kindergarten providers – all state schools will now have a `transitions@(schoolnames)eq.edu.au` (e.g. `transitions@orangess.eq.edu.au`) email where you will be able to pass on children’s transition statements when you have parent consent.

Social media for sharing

Kindergarten services are encouraged to follow and share [The Early Years Count Facebook](#) posts. The following images and post suggestions for parents and carers can be used on your kindy/service Facebook or Instagram page. Don’t forget to tag `#theearlyyearscount`

Message	Image	Post text
Prepare for Prep in 2020	<p>Ready set go image</p> 	<p>Get ready, get set... Soon your child will GO to school but before they do there's so much you can do together. Find fun tips and activities for starting school.</p> <p>http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/make-chatterbox-starting-school/</p>
What is a kindy transition statement?	<p>Prep image</p> 	<p>A transition statement is all about your child’s learning and development in kindy. It is just one of the ways for the school and Prep teacher to get to know your child and family before the school year. Find out more.</p> <p>http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/kindy-transition-statements/</p>
Share transitions statement	<p>Sharing image</p> 	<p>It’s so easy to share your child’s kindy transition statement with your new school. Simply sign the parent/carers consent form and your kindy will do the rest.</p> <p>http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/transition-statement-consent-form/</p>



Family information nights or staff meetings

A longer 90-second video has also been developed to explain what a transition statement is and the benefits of using the statements for services, schools and families.

This video can be shared at family information nights or during staff meetings. The video is hosted on *The Early Years Count* website at:

<http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/kindy-transition-statements/>

Downloadable resources

There is a range of downloadable resources available for families and services on the Early Childhood Education and Care website.

Transition statements – what they are, the process, the parent/carer consent form and a video <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/early-years/transition-to-school/transition-statements>

Starting school – brochures, factsheets and tips

<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/early-years/transition-to-school/starting-school>

Resources - tips, games and brochures to download, print and share to support successful transitions. To support all families, the downloadable chatterbox is available in 20 languages. <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/early-years/activities-and-resources/transition-to-school-resources>

There is also a range of articles for parents and families about transitions, the transition statement and the parent/carer consent form on *The Early Years Count* website. Follow this link to access the starting school articles.

<https://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/starting-school/>

Newsletter content

Short article

We want to support you and your child as you prepare for the transition from kindy to school. Your child has learned so much at kindy, and you have lots to share with their new school. Find out how to share this information with the school using the kindy transition statement.

<http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/kindy-transition-statements/>



Long article

As we are in the second half of the year, we are starting to think about our families with children who will be leaving kindy to start school in 2020.

The Department of Education has lots of information and resources on [The Early Years Count website](#) to support you and your child during this major milestone.

We will be preparing your child's Kindergarten transition statements in November. The statements are all about your child's learning and development in kindy, and will include your suggestions to support your child's positive transition from kindy to school.

You and your child will have an opportunity to contribute to the statements and include information about their unique strengths, abilities and motivations.

When you receive the transition statement you will have the option to sign the parent/carer consent form so that the kindy can send the transition statement directly to your child's new school on your behalf.

This streamlines the process and will support the school to make sure that your child's learning continues from kindy to Prep.

You can also use the statement to have conversations with the school about creating a welcoming place that meets the needs of you and your child.

To find out more about starting school, the transition statement and the parent/carer consent form, visit [The Early Years Count website](#)
<http://www.earlyyearscount.earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/age-spaces/kindy-transition-statements/>

Attachments

- Starting school poster
<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/earlyYears/Documents/transitions-poster.pdf>
- Starting school brochure
<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/earlyYears/Documents/transitions-starting-school-brochure.pdf>
- Supporting successful transition to school factsheet
<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/earlyYears/Documents/transitions-info-families.pdf>
- Chatterbox <https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/earlyYears/Documents/chatterbox.pdf>

More information

If you have any questions or would like any more information, please get in touch with *The Early Years Count* team at Early.Years@qld.gov.au or on [The Early Years Count Facebook](#)

