

Liverpool Early Reading Pathway

Parent/Carer Guide



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What is the Liverpool Early Reading Pathway?

- The Liverpool Early Reading Pathway is a supportive resource that can be used by early years professionals working in schools, PVI nursery settings and childminders.
- The Liverpool Early Reading Pathway will help early years professionals to make sure that they are providing the most effective ways to support your child(ren) to develop the skills they need to become successful readers.
- The Liverpool Early Reading Pathway will help those working with your child(ren) in the early years to notice when they may need extra support.
- Sometimes extra support can be given by your child's key person, or someone else working at the school or setting. Sometimes children need more specialised support. The pathway will help professionals working in the early years to find out about specialist services available.

How will the Liverpool Early Reading Pathway help your child(ren)?

Professionals working with children in the early years will be able to use the Liverpool Early Reading Pathway to:

- Find out what type of activities will help children aged 0-5 years learn to read
- Find out what to do if children need extra help at their school/setting
- Find out what to do if children need specialist support to help them with their communication and language or early reading skills



What will my child's school/setting be doing to help my child learn to read?

Schools, nursery settings and childminders will be doing lots of things to help your child(ren) learn how to read including;

- Helping them to learn lots of new words
- Singing songs and rhymes throughout the day
- Talking lots during play and daily routines
- Sharing lots of books and stories
- Reception children will also be taking part in daily phonics activities



How can I help my child learn to read?

There are lots of things that you can do to help your child(ren) learn to read including:

- Talking to them lots and helping them to learn new words
- Sharing books and stories every day
- Play listening games like listening out for different sounds all around while out walking
- Singing songs and nursery rhymes together
- Playing together!



What should I do if I am worried about my child's development?

- Talk to someone at your child's school or settings. This might be your child's teacher, key person or childminder
- Talk to your child's health visitor
- Find out about services available at your local children's centre here:
<https://ehd.liverpool.gov.uk/kb5/liverpool/fsd/family.page?familychannel=3>
- Find out about the Liverpool Local Offer here:
<https://ehd.liverpool.gov.uk/kb5/liverpool/fsd/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>



Where can I get free children's books?

Via Bookstart for Families



Bookstart aims to help families discover the fun and excitement of sharing books together. Free Bookstart packs will be given out by children's Health Visitors or parents/carers can visit their local library and talk to the staff about collecting their pack. There are two fantastic age appropriate packs for children under five.

If you would like to find out more about Bookstart, email bookstart@liverpool.gov.uk or visit the Booktrust website: www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/bookstart/

Via Liverpool Library Services



Liverpool libraries stock a wide range of books, CDs, DVDs and talking books for children and young people. If that's not enough, you can also:

- Surf the internet for free,
- Access the Junior Britannica online (enter your library card number to start),
- Get help with homework and projects using our collection of books,
- Take part in activities during holiday periods,
- Discover...for children,
- A stunning space for children to discover a wealth of books in Central Library.

More information can be found here: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library>

Free eBooks for children for example via:



Libby <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/free-kids-ebooks-Books/s?k=free+kids+ebooks&rh=n%3A283155>

Barnes and Noble https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/free-ebooks/ebooks-nook/kids/_/N-ry0Z8qaZtu1

How else can I support my child(ren)'s learning?

There are some really helpful resources for parents/carers of children aged 0-5 years including:



<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

Who was the Liverpool Early Reading Pathway written by?

The Liverpool Early Reading Pathway was developed by the Quality Improvement Team at School Improvement Liverpool, in consultation with representatives from across Liverpool health and education services including:

- PVI nurseries
- Childminders
- Maintained nursery schools
- SENISS
- Educational Psychology
- Speech and Language Therapy
- School Improvement Liverpool's SEND and Inclusion Team
- Liverpool City Council
- Liverpool Primary Schools

