


Solihull Maternity and Early Years Strategy – 2022-2023 update

Success for today, prepared for tomorrow.

Who is working to give our Solihull under 5s a super start to life.....

SENDIAS SEND Information Advice and Support	Parents and carers	Communities
Early years team, SISS early help services. Parenting support.....	Solihull Maternity and Early Years Strategy	Elected members
Family Hubs		Speech and Language Therapy
Voluntary sector	Health – midwives, health visitors, school nurses, health therapy teams etc	Early years providers- child minders, group settings, schools etc



Good news stories

The SEND Newsletter has included a few good news stories from maternity and early years which are included below.....

Thank you to everyone who helped write these celebrations.

Supporting speech, language and communication ~



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Effective Transitions

Supporting transitions~



First Steps Good
News Story PDF.pdf

Setting quality ~



Solihull SchemaPlay
and School Readine

SchemaPlay and school readiness ~

<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/leaders-and-managers/> case studies

Some key dates:

19 th November 2023	Best Practice SENCo training - level 3, closing date for December 2023.
20 th November 2023	SLCN official launch date World Child's Day and 21 st November- World Hello Day
End November 2023	Solihull Early Help Strategy launches
January 2024	EYFS Statutory Framework update
January 2024	New Dingley's Promise modules available
January 2024	https://www.bestpracticenet.co.uk/early-years-SENCO new start dates available
April 2024	Up to 15 hours funded early education available for families in England with a 2-year-old
July 2024	DfE Covid recovery packages end
September 2024	Up to 15 hours for eligible families with a child 9 months+
September 2024	Childcare available for primary school children 8am to 6pm where families need it

Speech, language and communication needs (SLCN)- How are we helping young children to communicate with success?

SLCN pathway launch event 20th November 2023
<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/training/super-starts-speech-language-and-communication-needs/>

Promoting training through Department for Education, Dingley's Promise, Speech and language UK, and LA training to enhance settings knowledge ...
<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/resources/learning-and-development/>

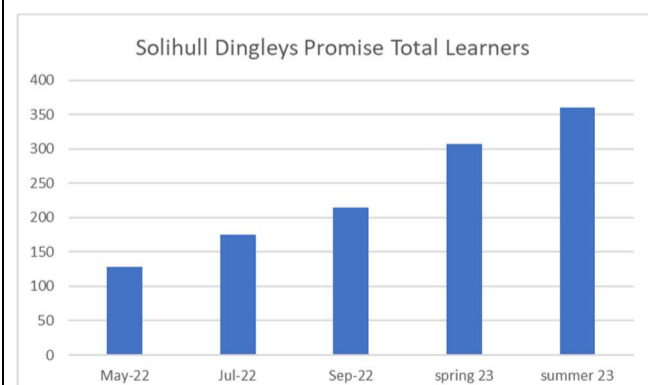
Solihull [Health Visiting](#) team are now offering Communication Through Play workshops for parents.

An Early Years Team have a focus on the child's voice, and the many ways the child can communicate, for 2023 to 2024. This includes further Makaton training and a focus of self-evaluation for 2023 and 2024 support.

Workforce- supporting the maternity and early years workforce to support children and families.

The first settings achieved their Dingley's Promise Mark of Achievement and SchemaPlay accreditation.

360 learners have registered to access the Dingley's Promise training at May 2023.



Early Help Strategy- Solihull Early Help will support throughout all ages. Neglect Champions in early years champion the Graded Care Profile training.

Level 3 SENCos -almost 20 SEND leads are now Best Practice Level 3 SENCo trained

Early Years SEND- special educational needs support

Dingley's Promise stakeholder meetings and parent representatives to ensure there are many voices supporting SEND in early years and nationally. Parent and provider surveys supported by Dingley's Promise.

Recorded training available for Solihull settings to support SENCo and SEND children in setting through Area SENCo's.

Early Years Inclusion Fund- annual report identifies the ways settings use early years inclusion fund to help support over 200 children where it has been awarded. <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Children-and-family-support/localoffer/inclusion-fund>

Further celebrations – The SEND Newsletter is now monthly ...<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/localoffer/SEND-Newsletter>

This year- we expect an Ofsted SEND inspection and Solihull have commissioned Early Years Super Starts fact finding for early 2024.

Communications – how do families know what support is available in the Local Authority (LA)?

Key websites have been updated and we seek feedback from users to further enhance these communications....

Solihull Local Offer- feedback via survey link [here](https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Children-and-family-support/localoffer/early-years-support)
<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Children-and-family-support/localoffer/early-years-support>

Solgrid early years and childcare support-
<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/>

Solihull child and family support -
<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support>

My Solihull Map ...find places to go and contacts ..
<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/solihull/services/specialist-support/my-solihull-map/>

Solihull Health Visitors- Health for under 5s website and sign up to the media messages
<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/solihull/services/your-health-visiting-service/>

Future- Family Hubs launched and a complementary website to signpost to services.

Transitions and life course- How can we help?

Solihull School Readiness guidance was updated, co-produced and shared
<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/eyc/>

Solihull Health Visitor team events for helping parents prepare for Reception -
<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/preschool/>

Solihull parenting support termly offer -
<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/parenting-support>
Five to Thrive- parent sessions....
<https://www.solgrid.org.uk/fivetothrive/>

First Family Hub opened at Evergreen Space-
<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/news/first-solihull-family-hub-opens>

Transition events- Solihull Parent Carer Voice and Area SENCos in Solihull Early Years Team have led events looking at aiding transitions for children and families. After a successful transition event for north Solihull settings, this early years event will be rolled out to all areas for 2024.

Data- what impact has the work we have all been doing had on our Solihull data?

Ages and Stages Questionnaire at age 2 y/o

	Solihull	National	Solihull	National
	All 5 areas		Communication	
2022	84.3%	80.9%	88.9%	86.2%
2023	82.1%	79.2%	88.6%	85.3%

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile at age 5 y/o.
Good Level of Development
2022 Solihull 66.90% & National 65.20%
2023 Solihull 68.7% & National 67.2%

Narrowing the inequality gap EYFSP-

	Sol FSM	Sol Non- FSM	Nat FSM	Nat non- FSM	Solihull band
2022	50.10	71.30	49.10	68.80	A- non B- FSM
2023	55.9%	73.1%	51.6%	71.5%	TBC

Sufficiency of early education and childcare places. Percentage of children benefitting from funded education in Solihull.

	2 year olds		3 year olds	
	Solihull	National	Solihull	National
2022	92.60%	71.90	103.10	92.30
2023	89.90% Rank A	73.90	104.90 Rank A	93.70

Quality early years and care in Solihull
Good and outstanding early years Ofsted grades
June 2022 – 97% good and outstanding
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