

## **Inclusion Link Programme : A programme to support transition from the early years educator into school.**

### **Information for parents and carers.**

#### **What is the Inclusion Link Programme?**

##### **“Transition is a process, not an event.”**

Transition to school is a time that can be exciting but can also be an uncertain time. Good information sharing and planning by all parties is key.

The purpose of the Inclusion Link Programme is to give your child the best possible start to school life through:

- you, your child's early years educator and the new school working together to plan a transition programme that meets your child's needs,
- sharing knowledge and information,
- ensuring your child has a positive, smooth, and welcoming transfer to school.

In order for your child to be accepted on to the Inclusion Link Programme, your child must meet one of the following criteria:

- a) The child is in receipt of Early Years Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Top-up Funding (any level or category).
- b) The child is cared for (CIC) by the Local Authority.
- c) The child is from the Gypsy, Roma, Traveller (GRT) community.
- d) The child is on the UK Resettlement Scheme.

**The early years educator must be working in partnership with you regarding your child's transition to school.**

**The Inclusion Link Programme meeting is fully funded by the Local Authority.**

### **The Inclusion Link Programme schedule.**

#### **Term 4 and 5 (March – April )**

- If your child is eligible for the Inclusion Link Programme, your child's early years educator will discuss the Inclusion Link Programme with you and complete an Inclusion Link programme referral form.



## **Term 5 and 6 (April – July )**

- Following allocation of school places, a letter will be sent to your child's early years educator and new school.
- Between May and July, individual Inclusion Link Programme meetings are held for parents/carers, children's key educators and new schools' reception teachers. This is a good opportunity to invite other professionals working with your child (e.g. Portage practitioner, Springboard practitioner, etc.) to be involved in your child's transition planning.

## **Term 1 (September )**

- An Inclusion Link Programme feedback form will be emailed to participating parents/ carers. On completion, please return to [ey.send@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:ey.send@n-somerset.gov.uk) by the notified deadline date. Your feedback is vital and helps us secure funding for future years.