

## What other resources are available to help with transition into Year R?

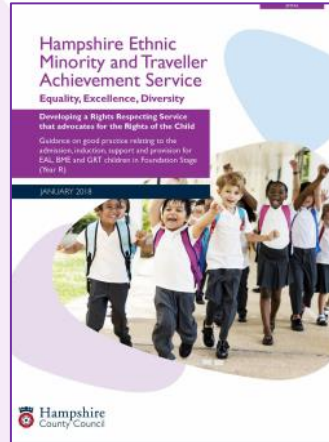
There are many resources available on the EMTAS website.

### Resources for parents/carers:

- Printable sheets that introduce some practical suggestions how they can prepare their child for starting school including helping their child learn to dress and feed her/himself, sharing stories, promoting talk and introducing early maths skills
- Guidance on practical issues eg finding a school, making an application for a place, decelerated and deferred admission, INSET days, free school meals and what to do if the child is ill and will miss school
- Information on bringing up a child bilingually (in English and other languages)
- Information on positive behaviour management strategies (in English and other languages)
- Information on safeguarding
- Information about the EMTAS language and GRT phone lines. Parents/carers can use these to ask questions about education and to support home-school liaison

### Resources for settings and schools:

- Checklist of good practice for settings that have learners from GRT and EAL backgrounds on roll
- Comprehensive guidance on good practice in the foundation stage for children from GRT, EAL and BME backgrounds
- Advice on assessment of young children for whom English is an additional language
- Information about coffee events for parents/carers from GRT and EAL backgrounds



For more information see our website:

[www.hants.gov.uk/emtas](http://www.hants.gov.uk/emtas)

## EMTAS Support with Transition into Year R



## Who is this support for?

This support aims to help with the transition into Year R of children about whom there are concerns, and their families. It is for children and families for whom English is an Additional Language (EAL) and for children from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) backgrounds and their families.

## How can the support be accessed?

The support is accessed via an online referral form completed during the summer term prior to the child starting school. The form can be found on the EMTAS website, in the same place as the other referral forms.

## How will we know which children to refer?

Children will often be identified by pre-school staff who will know from experience which children/families might benefit from extra support with the transition to school. At transition meetings with the receiving school, the pre-school staff will inform the school for which children they should consider making a referral.

## Who can complete the referral form?

The form must be completed by the receiving school that the child will be attending from September; EMTAS cannot accept referrals from pre-school settings.

## What information is needed to complete the referral form?

School staff completing the referral form for support with transition into Year R will need the following information:

- Child's name
- Child's date of birth
- Date of admission
- Country of birth (UK or other)
- Child's ethnic code
- Child's gender
- Child's first/home language
- Nature of child's additional need(s)
- Difficulty the support will help address.

It is best practice to make sure parents/carers are informed about the referral as their input will be needed.

## What will happen next, after the referral has been completed?

A member of the EMTAS team will get in touch with the school contact named on the referral form to discuss next steps. These will include arranging a meeting with parents/carers when background information about the child and the family will be gathered. At the meeting, the school can work with parents/carers to make a plan for the child's transition, using EMTAS staff to help with interpretation as necessary. EMTAS staff can also support the home visit with a member of staff from school where necessary. Ways in which parents/carers can help prepare their child for Year R can also be shared, so everyone involved is working together in the best interests of the child.

## What will this cost?

For maintained schools, this service is covered by the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

For academies and other settings, the service can be accessed through EMTAS Sold Services. Prices may vary from case to case, depending on how much support is needed.