

# Transition to School Statements support children’s effective transition to school

## What is the Transition to School Statement?

The Transition to School Statement is a tool that places the child at the centre of a network of educators, family and other professionals that work collaboratively to support continuity of learning from early childhood education to primary school. It is completed by a child’s early childhood educator and is sent to their new school. The Statement:

- summarises a child’s strengths, interests and approaches to learning
- passes this information between families, early childhood educators and teachers
- gives children a voice in the process of meeting new people in the school environment
- helps link the Early Years Learning Framework to the Early Stage 1 Syllabus.
- supports effective collaboration between ECE services, schools and families by recording and sharing information about each child to build relationships and support better transition planning.

## What is the Transition to School Digital Statement?

For children commencing school next year, the use of a digital statement offers a new way to help them connect into their new school community. The Transition to School Digital Statement is now available for all Department of Education preschools, community preschools and long day care services to trial. Other service types will be invited in future years. We will continue to incorporate feedback from this trial to improve the Transition to School Digital Statement.

ECE services participating in the trial will login to our online platform and complete statements before sending them to the child’s prospective school. Parent consent is required for statement creation. As a NSW government school, you are able to access each statement sent to you via the **Transition to School Digital Statement – Schools Dashboard**. Schools with one or more new Transition to School Digital Statements sent to them in the past 7 days will also be notified by courtesy email, Monday 9am via the school mailbox.

## Easy access from the Staff Portal:



**Schools - Transition to School Digital Statements**

The Transition to School Digital Statement communicates a child’s prior-to-school learning and devel...

Access to Transition to School Digital Statement - Schools Dashboard is automatic for NSW government school principals who can also provision access to other staff members via AMU or MSA. As a provisioned staff member, you can login via the Applications Store in your Staff Portal.

## How can you ensure children have a successful transition to school?

- Promote the use of the new Transition to School Digital Statement - Schools Dashboard with staff involved in transition activities. Staff in trial schools can view and access Transition to School Statements and provide feedback ([eced.transitions@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:eced.transitions@det.nsw.edu.au)). This feedback will be taken onboard for future enhancements.
- Reach out to local ECE services to discuss the Transition to School Statement.
- Encourage all families with a child transitioning to school in 2022 to discuss the Transition to School Statement with their ECE service and encourage their participation in the trial.



### Benefits for children and communities

- Continuity of learning
- Increased support for educational and socio-emotional outcomes
- Greater retention and attendance



### Benefits for ECE services

- One central location to create, view and send statements
- Secure storage and access to previously created statements
- Time saving and reduced administration



### Benefits for schools

- A more efficient and reliable way to receive information about incoming Kindergarten children
- Increased communication between ECE services and schools
- Time saving and reduced administration

**The below items are to assist you as a NSW government school in your collaborative transition to school efforts with families and ECE services:**

Transition to School resources and conversation starters:

- [Collaborative partnerships to support transition to school during COVID 19](#)
- [Transition to School Digital Statement for schools](#)
- [Transition to school guidelines and resources](#)

Example Transition to School Digital Statement advice to families of kindergarten 2022 students

## Transition to School Digital Statement

We work hard to create positive environments for our school community. When we work together with our community, we set the foundations for our children to receive the best education, so that they are known, valued and cared for.

We are excited to share that we are a trial school for the new Transition to School Digital Statement in collaboration with Early Childhood Education (ECE) services in our area.

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The information in the statement records the child's interests, strengths and preferred ways of learning. This information can assist our Kindergarten teachers to get to know the children entering their classrooms, and plan appropriate learning and teaching programs.

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ECE services participating in the trial will complete statements on a secure online portal before sending them to the child's prospective school. Parental consent is required to create and send statements.

### How will the Transition to School Digital Statement benefit children and the community?

The Transition to School Digital Statement supports effective collaboration between ECE services, schools and families by recording and sharing information about each child to build relationships and support better transition planning.

For children commencing school in 2022, the use of a digital statement offers a new way to help them connect into their school community.

### Do you have a child transitioning to school in 2022?

We encourage all families with a child transitioning to school in 2022 to discuss the new Transition to School Digital Statement with your ECE service and encourage their participation in the trial.

More information about Transition to School Digital Statement can be found [here](#).  
Transition to School resources and information can be found [here](#).

Example Transition to School Digital Statement conversation starter with Department of Education preschools, community preschools and long day care centres:

## **Transition to School Digital Statements for children transitioning to school next year**

Here at XXXXXXXXXX Public School, we now have access to a streamlined online tool that allows you as a Department of Education preschool, community preschool or long day care centre, to share Transition to School Statements with us.

This year, the Transition to School Digital Statement has a new setup and login process with an intuitive, user friendly and simple to follow design. The Transition to school Digital Statement will allow you as an ECE service to quickly and easily create Transition to School Statements for children transitioning to school in the new year. You have the option this year to use the tool to send statements directly to us and other NSW government schools.

We see the value in the information provided by the Transition to School Statement and encourage you to trial the Transition to School Digital Statement. Further information on how you can get started today can be found [here](#).

Once you have sent through the Transition to School Statements for children planning to attend our school next year, please reach out to us via phone or email and we can arrange a time for our transition team to meet with you to discuss any points of interest as well as potential transition activities that we can undertake together.