



Barod i Ddysgu Ready to Learn
Barod i Dyfu Ready to Grow



Ready To Learn, Ready To Grow: Let's Get School Ready!



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Let's Start at the Beginning...

Starting school is a BIG adventure!

Before we start school, we learn lots of things that help us feel happy and ready. We learn how to play with other children, make friends, share and take turns. We learn how to listen, talk about what we need and how we feel, and have a go at things by ourselves. We also start learning about letters, numbers, books and the world around us.

Sometimes things can be harder for some children and families. We might need a little more help, a bit more time or someone to listen to us.

That's why grown-ups across Gwent wanted to find out more about what children need to help us get ready for school, and how they can work together to give us the right support.

The Welsh Government helped make this project happen, so children and families could get support and share what they think and what they have experienced.

And they called this project...
Ready to Learn, Ready to Grow!!

What Happened?

There were 32 of us, and our families, who took part in the project. We were given some extra help to learn and grow before starting school.

As part of the Ready to Learn, Ready to Grow project, they also spoke to lots of grown-ups who help children and their families every day, like our teachers. They wanted to find out what helps us and other children get ready for school, what can make things harder and how grown-ups can work together to support us.

By listening to our families and the people who help children, they learned more about what we need to help us get ready for school.



What Did We Learn?



We learned that getting ready for school means learning lots of different things. Some of us needed a bit more help with things like:

- talking and listening,
- understanding and using words,
- playing with other children, sharing and taking turns,
- understanding our feelings,
- having a go at things by ourselves, and
- everyday things like getting dressed, eating and going to the toilet.



The good news is that many of us got better at these things after taking part in the project.



We also learned that grown-ups do not always think about being ready for school in the same way. The grown-ups who work with children talked a lot about us talking, listening and using the toilet as really important for starting school, but our families talked more about making friends, feeling happy and being ready to learn.



We learned that some families have a tougher time than others. When there is not enough money, it can sometimes make getting ready for school harder.



What matters is that the grown-ups around us listen, notice what we need and give us the right help at the right time.

What Do We Want Our Grown-Ups to Remember?



We want our grown-ups to listen to us and our families, as they know us best, and they should have the help they need to support us.



We want the grown-ups who help us, like our families, nurseries, schools and health workers, to work together and help us as a team.



Most of all, we want every child to have the chance to feel happy, learn new things, make friends and enjoy starting school.



The Seven Promises

The grown-ups who listened to us came up with lots of ideas to help children get ready for school - they call these **recommendations**. But we like to call them **promises**.

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Promise 1: Help Us Get Ready for School

Please make sure all our grown-ups know what children need before they start school



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Promise 2: Help Our Families

Please help our families know how to help us learn, grow and get ready for school.



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Promise 3: Help Us Talk and Listen

If talking, listening or understanding words is hard for us, please help us early.



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Promise 4: Be One Team

All the grown-ups who help us should work together, so we do not have to tell our story over and over again.



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Promise 5: Share Good Ideas

If something helps children, tell other grown-ups about it so it can help more children too.



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Promise 6: Listen To Us

Please keep asking us what we think. Our ideas can help make things better.



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Promise 7: Keep Making Things Better

Keep trying new ideas and finding better ways to help children get ready for school.



Our Message

Every child should have the chance to learn, grow, make friends, feel happy and safe, and have a great start at school.

Because **EVERY** child's school adventure matters!

Ready to Learn, Ready to Grow, Ready for School!

