

Transitioning to Early Steps 2021

Over the last 5 years, we have developed lots of new frameworks, improved our processes and standardised our approach. Our Engagement Steps, Progression Steps, Primary Steps and Steps 4 Life all use this new approach. When it came to developing our new Early Steps framework, we had to make a difficult decision:

Do we make the transition from Early Steps 2012 to Early Steps 2021 as simple as possible, by reusing existing content from the Early Steps 2012? This will mean less data transfers to our other frameworks.

OR

Do we use our new approach and use the content from our other frameworks in Early Steps 2021? This will make transitioning from Early Steps to Primary Steps, Progression Steps or Engagement Steps easier. This will mean there is more work transitioning from the old Early Steps to the new Early Steps.

We took the decision to use the content from our newer frameworks, to improve the transition from Early Steps to our other frameworks. This will provide a better long-term solution for our schools.

Assessment Point Data

There is some overlap between the Early Steps 2012 and Early Steps 2021, so any skill that exists in both will automatically transfer when you turn on the Early Steps 2021.

Completed Levels

We have not transferred the completed levels from Early Steps 2012 to Early Steps 2021. The level boundaries have changed, and the content of the levels have changed inline with the Early Learning Goals and Development Matters

Birth to 3

The new Development Matters document has 3 levels, Birth to 3, 3 & 4 Year Olds and Children in Reception. We assume this was done to reduce the burden on assessment and paperwork, but it does not support pupils with SEND. Settings already struggled to show progress for pupils working in Birth to 11 Months, they would not show progress working in Birth to 3. We have split Birth to 3 into 8 levels. 4 levels covering the first 12 months of development and 4 levels covering the next 2 years of development. This will allow settings to show progress for ALL pupils.

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