Promote literacy, numeracy and language development for children's early learning



### **Overview**

This standard identifies the requirements when promoting literacy, numeracy and language for children's early learning. It requires you to work with key people in supporting children to develop literacy, numeracy and language. It also requires you to work in partnership with families. It requires you to work with others in the setting to monitor and evaluate children's literacy, numeracy and language.

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## Performance criteria

### Promote children's self-confidence in literacy, numeracy and language

#### You must be able to:

- P1 liaise with **families** and **others** to understand the learning needs of the **children** you are working with
- P2 agree with families and others the support strategies you will use for working with individual children
- P3 agree with others the support strategies you will use for working with groups of children
- P4 ensure you have the learning resources needed to implement the agreed support strategies
- P5 work with others to create an environment which actively supports children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P6 use play, **activities** and **experiences** to encourage children to explore literacy, numeracy and language
- P7 encourage children to feedback preferences or concerns about literacy, numeracy or language
- P8 use pedagogical approaches to promote children's literacy, numeracy and language
- P9 ensure appropriate **differentiation of the curriculum** to meet the needs of all children
- P10 ensure a personalised approach to the learning of the children you work with
- P11 work with others to understand children's different learning styles
- P12 work with others to develop the use of different methods of observing and assessing the child
- P13 work with the child in ways that will encourage **active participation** in their own literacy, numeracy and language development
- P14 work with others to identify any specialist expertise that may be required to support a child's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P15 respond to children's use of home language, local accent and dialect, in a way which values cultural diversity

# Encourage families to be involved in their child's literacy, numeracy and language

### You must be able to:

- P16 communicate with families using an open and welcoming approach that is likely to promote inclusion
- P17 work with others to promote a supportive environment in which families are able to discuss aspects of their child's literacy,

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- numeracy and language needs
- P18 encourage families to recognise the unique qualities, skills and capabilities of their child
- P19 work with families so that they value the importance of play in children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P20 identify any obstacles to families' involvement with children's literacy, numeracy and language
- P21 use a sensitive approach in seeking the permission of families to share appropriate information with others regarding their child's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P22 provide detailed and accessible information to families, which will help them to support their child's literacy, numeracy and language development

#### You must be able to:

# Work with others to monitor and evaluate children's literacy, numeracy and language

- P23 work with others to identify curricula or other relevant and current frameworks that support children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P24 work with others to involve children and families in the monitoring and evaluation of literacy, numeracy and language development within the setting
- P25 work with others to evaluate the effectiveness of the support in the setting for children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P26 work with others to ensure that your setting supports best practice for children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P27 work with others in the setting to identify ways of improving children's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P28 work with others to reflect on the setting's organisational practice in encouraging parents to be involved with their child's literacy, numeracy and language development
- P29 reflect on your own professional practice

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# Knowledge and understanding

### **Rights**

### You need to know and understand:

- K1 legal and work setting requirements on equality, diversity, discrimination and rights
- K2 your role in promoting children and young people's rights, choices, wellbeing and active participation
- K3 your duty to report any acts or omissions that could infringe the rights of children and young people
- K4 how to deal with and challenge discrimination
- K5 the rights that key people, children and young people have to make complaints and be supported to do so

### Your practice

### You need to know and understand:

- K6 legislation, codes of practice, standards, frameworks and guidance relevant to your work, your work setting and the content of this standard
- K7 how your own background, experiences and beliefs may have an impact on your practice
- K8 your own roles, responsibilities and accountabilities with their limits and boundaries
- K9 the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of others with whom you work
- K10 how to access and work to procedures and agreed ways of working
- K11 the meaning of person centred/child centred working and the importance of knowing and respecting all children and young people as an individual
- K12 the prime importance of the interests and well-being of children and young people
- K13 children and young people's cultural and language context
- K14 how to build trust and rapport in a relationship
- K15 how your power and influence as a worker can impact on relationships
- K16 how to work in ways that promote active participation and maintain children and young people's dignity, respect, personal beliefs and preferences
- K17 how to work in partnership with children, young people, key people and others
- K18 how to manage ethical conflicts and dilemmas in your work
- K19 how to challenge poor practice

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K20 how and when to seek support in situations beyond your experience and expertise

### You need to know and understand:

### Theory for practice

- K21 the nature and impact of factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and development of children and young people you care for or support
- K22 factors that promote positive health and wellbeing of children and young people
- K23 theories underpinning our understanding of child development and learning, and factors that affect it
- K24 theories about attachment and impact on children and young people

### You need to know and understand:

#### Communication

- K25 the importance of effective communication in the work setting
- K26 factors that can have a positive or negative effect on communication and language skills and their development in children and young people
- K27 methods and techniques to promote communication skills which enable children and young people to express their needs, views and preferences

### You need to know and understand:

#### Personal and professional development

K28 principles of reflective practice and why it is important

### You need to know and understand:

### Health and Safety

- K29 your work setting policies and practices for monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security in the work environment
- K30 practices for the prevention and control of infection

## You need to know and understand:

#### Safeguarding

- K31 the responsibility that everyone has to raise concerns about possible harm or abuse, poor or discriminatory practices
- K32 indicators of potential or actual harm or abuse
- K33 how and when to report any concerns about abuse, poor or discriminatory practice, resources or operational difficulties
- K34 what to do if you have reported concerns but no action is taken to address them

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### **Handling information**

### You need to know and understand:

- K35 legal requirements, policies and procedures for the security and confidentiality of information
- K36 legal and work setting requirements for recording information and producing reports including the use of electronic communication
- K37 principles of confidentiality and when to pass on otherwise confidential information

### Specific to this NOS

## You need to know and understand:

- K38 the **transitions** that children and young people may go through
  K39 how to ensure that your provision includes high quality learning
  experiences, activities and resources that meet the needs of
  children within early education frameworks and learning situations
- K40 the pattern of learning and intellectual development for the age range of children involved in early learning for whom you are responsible

not linked to a specific curriculum

- K41 the sorts of problems that might occur when supporting learning activities and how to deal with these
- K42 the importance of working within the boundaries of your role and competence and when you should refer to others
- K43 the difference between personalised learning and a differentiated approach to curriculum delivery where this is relevant to the requirements of curriculum frameworks in your home country
- K44 how to adapt practice with children for whom you are responsible for of different ages involved in early learning including different genders, ethnicities and with different needs and abilities
- K45 how to involve the family and local community in the setting or service, ensuring cultural and religious sensitivity and equality of access
- K46 specific issues for the curriculum for children's early learning in multilingual and bilingual settings
- K47 curriculum planning formats that are suitable for provision
- K48 resources that are required for delivery of the curriculum, how to ensure these are available, cost effective and fit for purpose
- K49 sources of information about accessing and adapting activities, resources and experiences to ensure equality of access for all children for whom you have responsibility
- K50 systems and procedures for the monitoring and evaluation that are appropriate for your service or setting and for regulatory purposes

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### **Additional Information**

Scope/range related to performance criteria

The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and/or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOS.

The use of the terms 'child' or 'children' in this standard may refer to your work on an individual or group basis.

Note: Where a child or young person finds it difficult or impossible to express their own preferences and make decisions about their life, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of advocates to represent the views and best interests of the child or young person.

Where there are language differences within the work setting, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of interpreters or translation services.

**Active participation** is a way of working that regards children and young people as active partners in their own care or support rather than passive recipients. Active participation recognises each child and young person's right to participate in the activities and relationships of everyday life as independently as possible

**Activities and experiences** refers to play, learning and leisure activities that meet the preferences, needs and abilities of the child or young person with whom you work, such as playdough, skipping, football, reading and storytelling, ICT activities, arts and craft.

**Children** are those with whom you are working, except where otherwise stated

**Differentiated curriculum** is a curriculum that is responsive to the learner's needs i.e. not presenting the same curriculum to everyone

**Families** includes parents (mothers and fathers) and carers and extended and chosen families who contribute significantly to the well-being of babies, children or young people and who may or may not have legal responsibility

**Others** are your colleagues and other professionals whose work contributes to the child or young person's well-being and who enable you to carry out your role

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Scope/range relating to knowledge and understanding

# All knowledge statements must be applied in the context of this standard.

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Factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and development may include: family circumstances; folic acid during pregnancy; a healthy diet; positive mental health; physical health; strong social networks; supportive family structure; adverse circumstances or trauma before or during birth; autistic spectrum conditions; discrimination; domestic violence; foetal alcohol syndrome; harm or abuse; injury; learning disability; medical conditions (chronic or acute); physical disability; poverty; profound or complex needs; sensory needs; social deprivation; and substance misuse

**Transitions** may include starting nursery for the first time, moving from nursery to school, moving home, the birth of a sibling, other changes affecting the child or young person

#### **Values**

Adherence to codes of practice or conduct where applicable to your role and the principles and values that underpin your work setting, including the rights of children, young people and adults. These include the rights:

To be treated as an individual

To be treated equally and not be discriminated against

To be respected

To have privacy

To be treated in a dignified way

To be protected from danger and harm

To be supported and cared for in a way that meets their needs, takes account of their choices and also protects them

To communicate using their preferred methods of communication and language

To access information about themselves

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