



# National Applied Trial 2025

## Preschool Outcomes Measure

### Information Sheet for Parents and Carers

Your child's school is participating in the National Applied Trial of the Preschool Outcomes Measure.

The Preschool Outcomes Measure is a new tool designed to help teachers better understand a child's learning and development in the year before they begin full-time school. The tool focuses on a child's language and problem-solving skills. It may help teachers identify your child's strengths and any areas where extra support could be beneficial – ensuring your child gets the most out of their early learning experience.

The National Applied Trial gives teachers the chance to try out a prototype of the Preschool Outcomes Measure in real classroom settings. By using the tool, teachers can share feedback with its developer about their experience.

### What will happen during the National Applied Trial

- Your child may be asked to complete a series of short activities using a tablet.
- The activities will be similar to what your child encounters during regular play or other kindergarten activities.
- Your child's teacher will observe and note reflections about your child's learning and development and enter these into the tool.
- Participation in the National Applied Trial activities will be led by your child. At any time during the National Applied Trial, they can stop or not participate at all.



## For every child

- The Preschool Outcomes Measure is designed to support children of all abilities, including those with disabilities, developmental concerns, or who speak a language other than English. It's important to note that **this tool is not designed to be used for diagnosis**.
- Choosing not to participate will not affect your child's learning or experience at the school.



## Protecting your child's data and privacy

- When using the national tool, your child's teacher will collect evidence about your child's learning and record it against their name.
- When the national tool's developer uses the data, they will make sure your child's name, and any personal details are removed. This means your child won't be identified in any analysis or reports.
- Information or data collected during the National Applied Trial will only be used to improve the tool. It will not be used to rank your child, their school or their teacher.
- If you withdraw your child from the National Applied Trial, any collected data relating to your child will be removed from the trial.

## Will I receive feedback about my child?

- The National Applied Trial is testing a prototype of the tool, so your child's teacher won't provide individual results or feedback about your child's participation.
- However, your child's teacher may use what they learn during the trial to inform their daily teaching and interactions with your child.

## Next steps

- Only some children may take part in the National Applied Trial. If you are happy for your child to be involved, you do not need to do anything – they may be selected to participate automatically.
- Participating in the National Applied Trial is voluntary, and your child can stop participating at any time during the trial period.
- If you **do not** want your child to be included in the trial, please return the provided 'Opt-out form' to your child's teacher by **Friday 15 August**.
- Your child's progress, and the support and services they receive at school, will not be affected – regardless of whether they participate in the trial or not.
- For any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.