

Ready for Learning

Frequently asked questions

1. *What is the RFL?*

The RFL is a questionnaire with 28 statements that we have developed to identify support for children in their pre-school year.

2. *What is the RFL used for?*

It is used to assess how well children are prepared for a successful move into reception.

3. *What areas of learning do the RFL statements cover?*

The four key areas are:

Language and Cognition

Emotional Resilience

Daily Living Skills

Family Support

4. *Do we need to complete the RFL for every child in our setting?*

You complete the RFL for every child in their pre-school year.

5. *How often should we complete the RFL?*

You complete the RFL in October, February and June.

6. *What do we do when we have completed the RFL for each child?*

Once all statements have been completed, the practitioner should input them into the RFL spreadsheet so you can record the scores.

7. *If a child is scoring green in each area, do we need to continue completing it each term?*

Yes, you to continue completing the RFL each term as it may identify concerns throughout the year.

8. *Do we need to complete the RFL for children who are on the Graduated Pathway?*

Yes, continue completing the RFL for children on the Graduated Pathway. It can be used as additional evidence of the child's needs.

9. *What do the colours green, amber and red mean on the RFL?*

A child scoring green shows there are no concerns.

A child scoring amber shows there are some concerns.

A child scoring red shows there are high concerns.

10. How do we support the children scoring amber and red?

You can access the RFL resources on our EY and Childcare Service webpage. There is a one-page document showing how to support the child against each of the 28 statements. You can also implement your own strategies and/or contact the EYSadvice@gloucestershire.gov.uk

11. How do we complete the RFL spreadsheet?

There are RFL guidance notes on the website that describe how you complete the spreadsheet. Once you input the data it automatically generates the child's RAG rating.

12. When do we send the RFL spreadsheet into the EY and Childcare Service?

You send in the spreadsheet once a year on 30th June once you have inputted the 3 terms of data.

13. What do we do with the data?

Throughout the year you can analyse the data and identify gaps, trends and themes and use this and can plan for your next cohort.

14. What do we do with the individual RFL data?

You will send the RFL questionnaire and the Ready for Reception Transition Record to the child's receiving school by the first week of July.

15. What should I do if a child leaves our setting during their pre-school year?

With parent consent you should send the RFL questionnaire to the receiving setting.

16. What happens when a child attends more than one setting?

Both settings should complete the RFL and work together if needed.

17. Can I share the RFL with parents?

Yes, you should share the RFL with parents and ensure they are part of the process. You can also share the one-page resources or any strategies you are working on.