

ANONYMOUS 17201 - New submission from Early Years Strategy - Public Submissions

Recommend a Government Policy: That all pre-school children under 5 years of age should have 20 healthy teeth and deemed decay free as a prerequisite health development check, approved by Department of Health and Depart of Education, as a measurable milestone before they commence school. This ensures all children (5-6 years of age) commence school with the confidence to communicate, socialize, enjoy healthy food and play and learn from the very beginning of their formal education life journey. This goal is measurable, with longitudinal key points across their 5 - 17 education journey for evaluation and life enhancements, where deemed necessary. This is our responsibility for the next generation.

The Commonwealth Child Dental Benefit Scheme is already in place to support the most disadvantage children to access the required dental care. The next stage is a Policy for the Department of Education - to ensure all children are deemed dentally fit for school. Parents would ensure this is in place for their children, if it is a pre-requisite for starting school.

Thank you for considering this comment.