

Early Years App and Blue Book Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Early Years App?

The Early Years SA mobile app is your go-to for trusted information about child health, learning, development and wellbeing and complements your child's Blue Book.

The Early Years SA app makes tracking your child's growth, understanding their development, and makes it easy for you to know when you need to book your child in for their health and development checks.

In the Early Years SA App you can:

- record your child's growth
- filter information to what you need based on your child's age
- get age-relevant notifications to organise health and development checks, immunisations, dental checks, and when to start preschool and school enrolment
- connect with early years' service providers, such as Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS, Parenting SA, ForWhen and KidSafe.

Does the Early Years App replace my child's Blue Book?

No. The Early Years App complements your child's Blue Book but does not replace it.

The Blue Book is where your midwives, doctors and community nurses record important health information for your baby and you will need to bring this to all child health checks, GP appointments and immunisations.

The Early Years App is a great tool to remind you when you need to make key appointments along your child's development and make sure you have your Blue Book handy.

Once a parent/carer turns on notifications from the app, they receive a reminder about when they need to book in for their child's health and development checks, immunisations, dental checks and preschool enrolment.

Why do I need my child's Blue Book?

Your child's Blue Book is for your healthcare professionals to keep a detailed record of all your child's treatments, immunisations and accurate growth and development records. They do not have access to your Early Years App.

The Blue Book can be taken to any appointment so that any clinician treating your child can see notes from other healthcare professionals and understand your child's treatment history.

If you have misplaced your child's Blue Book, a replacement Blue Book can be collected from our friendly administrations staff at your local CaFHS clinic. Visit www.cafhs.sa.gov.au/locations for your nearest CaFHS clinic.

Where do I need to bring my child's Blue Book?

It is important for you to bring your child's Blue Book to all child health checks, GP, immunisation and community health appointments, as information and notes will be included by your healthcare professional.

