

EY OAG Action Research Project Story of Implementation - Tambie's Raising Stars

1. About the Setting - Tambie Raising Stars is a small childminding setting in Hall Green, run by Joanne Tambie. It's a home-based environment supporting a small group of children aged 0-5.

2. Background - Through the OAG Action Research Project, we wanted to focus on improving transitions during the day. Transitions were particularly tricky for Darcey. Moving from one activity to another could lead to upset, including crying, and she often needed a lot of adult support. This sometimes affected the flow of the day for everyone.

3. Actions Taken

- We looked at transition in the OAG and introduced a more predictable and supportive approach to transitions.
- Darcey was prepared in advance, with simple explanations about what was coming next.
- A big focus was giving her small jobs and responsibility to help her feel involved and in control.

- Darcey was supported to:

- ✓ Help set up tables and chairs for lunch
- ✓ Choose where she wanted to sit
- ✓ Put out water bottles
- ✓ Help other children to come inside and wash hands
- ✓ Help tidy up after lunch
- ✓ Support given alongside to guide and encourage her.
- ✓ We also worked closely with Darcey's parents, who began using similar ideas at home, like involving her in getting ready for meals and tidying up.



4. Impact

- Transitions are now much calmer and smoother
- Darcey is more settled, confident, and happy to join in
- She takes pride in her jobs and enjoys helping others
- The day flows better for everyone, with fewer disruptions
- Parents have noticed positive changes at home too, especially around routines



5. Reflections - At first, this was a bit of a challenge for Darcey but sticking with it and celebrating small successes really helped. Giving her a clear role and sense of responsibility made a big difference.

Next Steps -

- Try this approach with other children
- Build jobs and roles into everyday routines
- Keep working closely with parents to support consistency between home and setting

