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| Child Link information sheet  |
| For Parents of children and young people who have had contact with Child Protection in Victoria  |
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**What is Child Link?**

The Child Link Register (known as Child Link) is a digital platform that will display specific information about every Victorian child for authorised Child Link users only.

**Who can access Child Link?**

Only a select group of information sharing entities under the Child Information Sharing Scheme will access Child Link. These authorised professionals are:

* Child Protection Practitioners and other supporting Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) roles
* School Principals, student wellbeing officers and key teaching staff
* Key staff in early childhood education settings
* Maternal and Child Health Nurse (MCHN)
* Aboriginal Children in Aboriginal Care (ACAC) providers
* Contracted case managers for Community Services Organisation (CSOs) and ACCOs

These professionals will all have access by mid-2024.

**Children/young people, parents and carers will not have access to Child Link.**

**What information will be displayed on Child Link?**

Child Link will show limited information about your child/ren and your family including:

* The child’s name(s), date and place of birth and sex
* The child’s sibling/s
* The names of the parent/s or people who have day to day care of the child
* Whether the child is identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
* The child’s participation and engagement in government childhood services from the age of 0-18, and the contact details of those services; and
* Information like whether the child or their sibling has a past or current child protection order and is or has been in out of home care which may indicate areas of vulnerability or risk.

**What do I need to do?**

**There is nothing you will need to do for Child Link. It has no impact on a child’s or your current situation.**

Child Link is an enabler of the Child Information Sharing Scheme to improve outcomes for children and young people.

This information will help authorised professionals working with children, young people and families, to be able to make better decisions for children and young people who may be at risk and may need more support to keep them safe, healthy and supported.

***More Information***

If you would like any further information about Child Link please visit the DET website -[www.vic.gov.au/child-link](http://www.vic.gov.au/child-link)

If you have any specific questions about how Child Link will impact you or your child/ren please contact the child/ren’s allocated Child Protection worker, their agency workers or the CSO or ACCO you are working with who can provide further information also.