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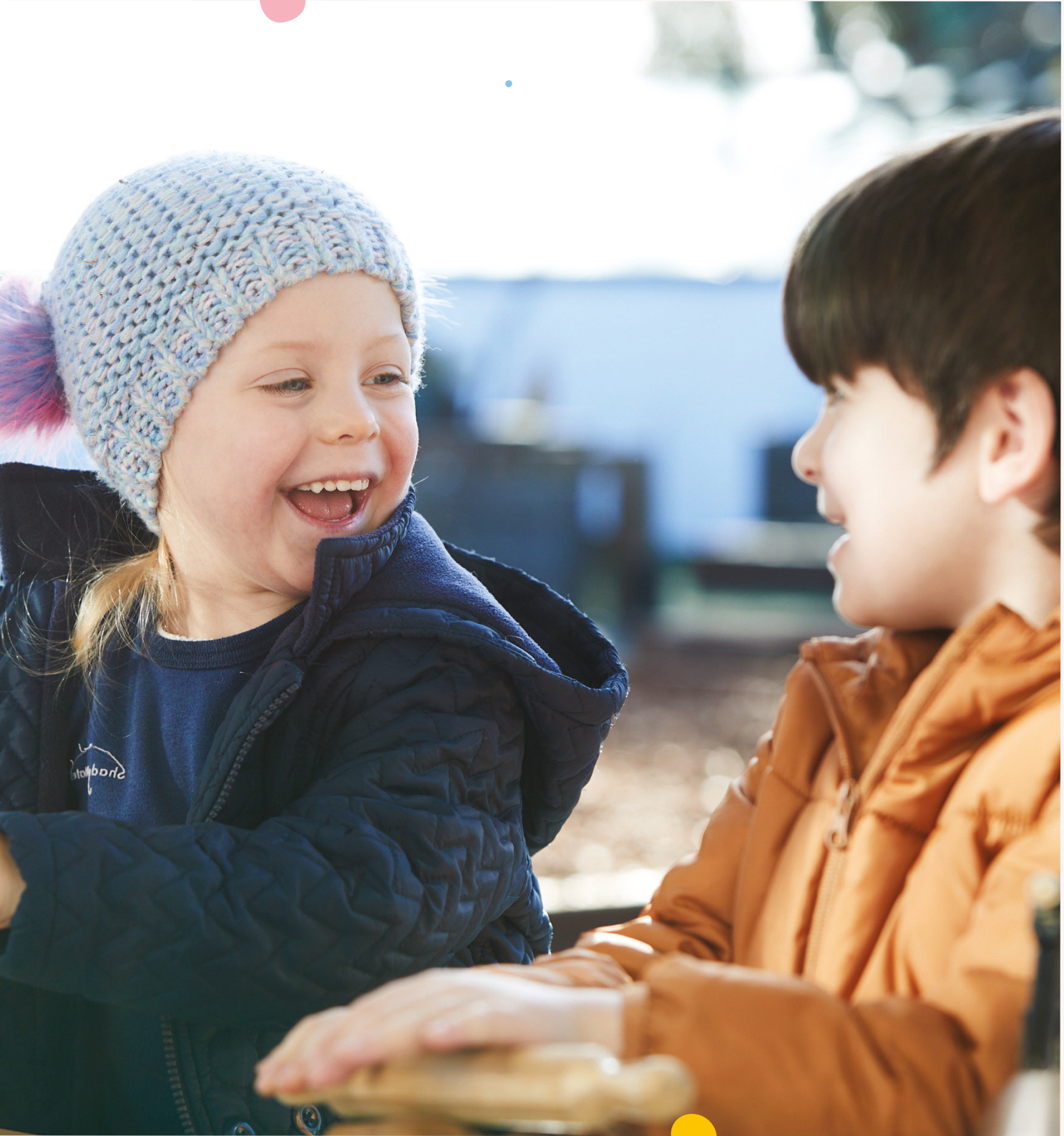
Learning Through Every Stage

Following Your Child's Unique Learning Adventure

A Guide for Families

To BE Me on the Guardian Family Hub

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To BE Me is tailored to support your child through each stage of their first five years, from their earliest days through to their transition to school.

But what truly sets To BE Me apart is how we partner with you. This ensures your child is not just known, but deeply understood, celebrated and supported every single day.

Through the Guardian Family Hub, we keep you connected to the important steps in their To BE Me learning and development journey as they happen.

This is more than early learning. To BE Me makes clear the foundations of who your child is today, and who they are becoming.

Thank you for choosing Guardian. We are proud to support your child as they grow into the person they aspire to be.

Introducing To BE Me



The early years are a pivotal time in defining who your child will become and discovering all that life can offer them.

At Guardian, our exclusive To BE Me learning program supports your child through this important time and helps you capture their learning, growth and special moments in a lasting and meaningful record.

To BE Me sets the standard for early learning with a distinctive, contemporary approach tailored to your child's age, interests and strengths.

It sets easy-to-follow Learning and Development Pathways and encompasses our educational programs, room set-ups, daily rhythms and the way we interact with your child and guide their play.

We work with you to support your child to feel happy, safe, excited and engaged, while they form meaningful friendships and secure relationships with others.

Your child's personal To BE Me learning and development record is maintained in the Guardian Family Hub and grows with them through every age and stage - reflecting the person they are becoming.

By staying with us from being a young baby to starting school, your child develops a strong sense of belonging. This gives them the confidence and security they need to learn faster and embrace change.

In doing this, we ensure your child progresses towards the five outcomes prescribed by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) as part of the Australian Government's National Quality Framework.



What is To BE Me?

At Guardian we know that every child grows and learns in their own unique way. That's why we created To BE Me - our exclusive learning program.

The To BE Me advantage



To BE Me is more than a digital record of your child's learning and development. It is the story of how your child is becoming who they are, built through a shared language of learning between you, your child and our team.

This signature program, unique to Guardian, gives you:

- A complete, up-to-date record of your child's learning and development from being a baby to heading off to school
- A window into the special moments your child experiences with us - documented with care and context
- The opportunity to stay connected and contribute to your child's learning
- Responsive and engaging educational programs and learning experiences that meet your child's individual needs and respect their uniqueness
- A smooth, successful transition to school supported by university-qualified Teachers
- A valuable record of your child's learning adventure and the progress they make through their years at Guardian

The Guardian *promise*



Of course, To BE Me is just part of the Guardian promise to provide the best possible childcare and education experience.

We meet this promise by caring more about everything we do and ensuring everyone feels they belong, can be themselves and can become the person they aspire to be.

We have highly trained and qualified, professional Early Childhood Educators and Teachers who are specialists in every age group and understand how children best learn and develop.

Most importantly, our teams recognise that To BE Me is all about your child. It ensures they are uniquely seen, heard, supported and celebrated.

Other benefits include:

- A rigorous, organisation-wide focus on child safety, supported by a national team of child safety experts.
- Beautiful indoor and outdoor spaces, expertly designed and resourced to inspire fun and learning for every age group.
- Meals prepared in most centres by professional in-house Chefs using fresh ingredients.
- Daily rhythms tailored and adjusted to meet your child's needs.
- Educational programs for all age groups that incorporate outdoor learning, sports and physical movement, health and wellbeing, science skills, art and creativity and much more.
- A Flying Start to School two-year Kindergarten/Preschool program, delivered daily by qualified Teachers, plus our four-week intensive summer program, I Am Ready for School.
- A Joy of Reading literacy program for all ages.
- The Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) program incorporating community language learning into our everyday programs.
- Sustainability programs that support children to learn about community, their environment and their impact on the world.
- Summer Learning Program focused on fun and friendships that supports you and your child during the busy summer holiday period.

Your child is *unique*



> Guardian seems to really get Jasper and makes him feel proud of who he is.
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> Guardian Rouse Hill
> Parent Feedback

The Guardian experience is much more than childcare.

We are deeply committed to knowing and understanding your child - their unique personality, interests and rhythms, and their ways of communicating and learning.

To BE Me means we can easily notice and respond to changes in your child's development and adjust our curriculum decisions to meet their individual needs.

Our approach is based on children feeling comfortable and learning at their own pace. As we document your child's progress using Development Pathways, you may notice your child develops faster or slower, depending on the area.

While some skills and behaviours are fairly typical for each age range, your child may not sit exactly in a specific pathway. It is normal for children to develop at different rates across different areas.

If you have questions at any time, you can talk to us. We will work in partnership with you to ensure your child is receiving the best support, care and education possible, uniquely tailored to them.

Your child's *personal* To BE Me record in the Guardian Family Hub



The Guardian Family Hub is where your child's To BE Me Development Pathway progress and learning record are kept up to date. You can access the App to see the latest information about your child's learning and development and engage with the centre through posts, notifications, comments and reactions.

Our Educators and Teachers would love to discuss their observations with you and hear about other things you have noticed at home. The Family Hub gives both you and our team a shared, current view of your child's progress.

Your child's record includes:

- Information, goals and progress updates
- Photos and important learning moments
- Observations across seven Learning Areas
- Assessments that summarise your child's learning and development and support their transition to school.

Understanding your child at *every stage*

At each stage of your child's early life, they have different needs and display quite distinctive behaviours. By observing them at our centres we can tell a fascinating and exciting story of growth that you can follow as it unfolds.



You and ME Babies 0-1

You and ME is the name of our curriculum for young babies, based on care, secure attachments and trusting, responsive relationships. Babies learn when they feel safe and cared for. We form caring, consistent, responsive relationships in safe spaces surrounded by trusted faces. Constant, quality communication with you about their daily needs and development is vital.



Knowing ME Babies 1-2

Knowing ME is our curriculum for older babies as they start to further explore their world and the people, places and objects in it. Older babies need space and room to move as they become more physically independent and develop the confidence to interact with a wider circle of people. They need safe environments that encourage this, and the opportunity to experiment with social relationships.



Playing with ME Toddlers 2-3

Our curriculum for toddlers is called **Playing with ME** and is based on joy, fun, play, energy and learning through movement. Toddlers need to move around and are enthusiastic and energetic learners who want to know, feel, touch and delight in the world around them. We support our toddlers to move between inspiring spaces that bring them together with their peers. We provide them with choices to grow their interests and inspire new ideas to share.



Becoming ME Kindergarten/ Preschool 3-4

Becoming ME, developed for 3-4-year-olds, is based on discovery, independence and communication. This age group has thoughts, theories and opinions about the world which they want to share with others. They are curious, brave and want to try things for themselves, work out solutions and be heard by those around them. We encourage each child to develop confidence and independence in a safe, supportive environment, where it is okay to make mistakes and try again. They can be part of a group who celebrates achievements and strengths. This supports your child to become resilient, persistent, and feel great about themselves as a learner.



Being ME Kindergarten/ Preschool 4-5

Being ME is designed for the next stage of Kindergarten and Preschool where 4-5-year-olds are developing a strong sense of identity and bravery, and becoming a valued part of their community. At this age they think deeply about more complicated ideas, including caring, fairness and justice. They are responsible and kind, with a clear perspective on what matters to them. This time is all about your child feeling acknowledged and learning to interpret the world and communicate ideas in a range of ways. This is done in safe spaces that challenge children to think, solve problems and take some risks. Their thinking is becoming more complex and they can make decisions and discuss ideas within the group.



Becoming US Kindergarten/ Preschool 5-6

Becoming US helps ensure your child has a Flying Start to School. This curriculum, for 5-6-year-olds, is based on moving beyond self-awareness and personal identity towards a stronger understanding of your child's role in a community. They start to develop more advanced social skills, empathy and cooperation, recognising that they are part of a larger group. This milestone emphasises collective growth, teamwork and the ability to build meaningful relationships, setting the foundation for thriving in both social and academic environments.

The 7 Areas of *Learning*





Our To BE Me program groups your child's learning into seven areas to help you see their progress clearly. Each of these areas has behaviours or skills that are generally linked to each age and stage. These areas are reflected in your child's Development Pathways in the Guardian Family Hub.

I am Me | A Good Friend | A Reader | A Writer

A Counter | A Mover | A Great Thinker

I am ME

I am ME is all about your child's identity and feeling great about themselves. Children need to feel safe and secure in order to be able to learn. We want to support their confidence and sense of self, their independence, sense of belonging, and their ability to navigate their emotions and feel valued in the world.

Being A Good Friend

Being A Good Friend is about our social relationships. Humans are social creatures and we need to know how to reach out to others, initiate interactions, join in, negotiate, solve problems, work together and collaborate. These skills take a lot of practice and we support each child to ensure they feel connected and develop positive relationships with others.

Being A Reader

Being A Reader does not magically happen when a child starts school. There are many small steps children take from when they are born that give them the knowledge, skills and experience to be able to read successfully. Literacy learning looks different at each age and stage of development, and we want to make these small steps easy for you to see.







Being A Writer

Being A Writer means your child needs lots of practice with drawing, making marks and hearing the wide variety of sounds that make up spoken language. Being able to control body movements so they can control a writing implement is also critical. As children's brains develop, they start to understand spoken words can be represented by symbols on a page.

Being A Counter

Being A Counter and numeracy learning means understanding many different concepts. Touching, holding and exploring real objects help children understand the ways objects can be grouped and the language of numeracy develops so they can articulate their ideas.

Being A Mover

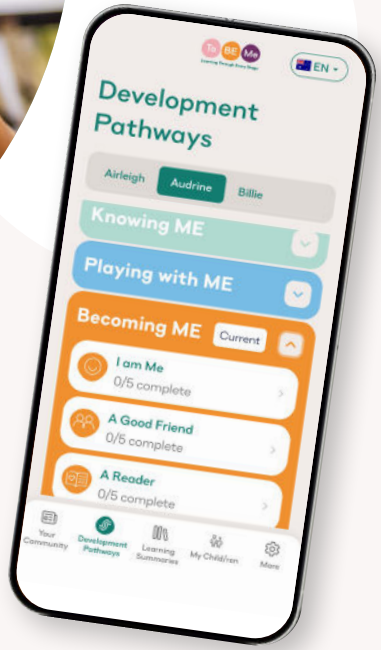
Being A Mover is all about your child's physical development, health and wellbeing. Learning all the ways to keep yourself safe, move your body and explore the world around you supports children to learn and feel successful. Children build confidence when they try new challenges and sometimes take a risk.

Being A Great Thinker

Being A Great Thinker is about all the skills your child develops over time to make sense of the world. Children explore, experiment, have ideas, test theories, solve problems, make discoveries, show creativity and innovation, develop strategies, and come to know that they are great at learning.



Knowing your child



In the Guardian Family Hub we gather information about your child and your family. This helps our teams understand what is unique and special about your child so we can plan experiences that interest them and respond to their individual needs.

Families can contribute information directly in the App, including the All About Me and All About My Family sections. Each year, we also discuss your aspirations for your child for the year ahead and record important information that helps us understand who they are now and where they are heading.

Development Pathways

While your child's development is complex and our curriculum deep, we use a simple method to document your child's individual progress so we can share this with you regularly.

We get to know your child well and our teams are skilled at building relationships and observing children in each age group. Your child's personal To BE Me record in the Guardian Family Hub contains Development Pathways with common development milestones for each age and stage.

For every milestone, there is also a list of Observed Behaviours - things our team may see your child doing that indicate they have reached the milestone on the pathway.

When we observe these behaviours, we record and date them in the Family Hub. You can also tell us about things you have witnessed your child doing at home so that your knowledge of your child contributes to the picture of their development.

We use these observations, our conversations with you and our knowledge of your child to plan experiences to extend their learning and development through play as part of our educational programs.

Our teams will regularly discuss your child's progress with you, and the Guardian Family Hub gives you a live, up-to-date view of their Development Pathways. As your child gets older, they too can enjoy looking back and taking pride in how far they have come.

To BE Me is your child's personal story, told in a way that is unique to them. We are proud champions of your child's potential, and we love that we can record these early years with you in such a comprehensive and positive way.

Assessing Learning, *Development & Progress*

Embedded into the To BE Me program and your child's record in the Guardian Family Hub are slightly more formal assessments of learning and development. These play an important role in ensuring your child is in the right learning space and on track for school and beyond.

Every year, we want to show you the progress your child has made.

We will talk to you at the beginning of the year, or when you and your child join us, so we understand your hopes and wishes for your child.

Towards the end of each year, we can show you a Summary of Learning using the information recorded in the Guardian Family Hub. Sometimes this summary is called a Summative Assessment or a Transition Statement.

All children leaving for school will receive a Transition Statement. Some state governments require our team to use a digital Transition Statement which they prescribe. This is also shared with you and can be shared with your child's school.

Early Years *Learning Framework*

We make sure your child progresses towards the five outcomes prescribed by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) as part of the Australian Government's National Quality Framework:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators



Moving between *learning environments*

Your child is supported through Guardian's Moving On Up program, which underpins transitions into new learning environments. We use the information in your child's Guardian Family Hub learning record to really know your child and support them as they grow and change rooms.

In short, Moving On Up is about understanding when a child, supported by their family, is ready to move to a new room and try new learning experiences.

It is based on individual progress to ensure your child feels safe with the change, and they are ready to enjoy new experiences, make new friends and explore their world.

Moving On Up enables children to gradually familiarise themselves with new learning spaces and new Educators and Teachers. It is done in partnership with families, who we always recognise as the child's first and primary educator.

Our Educators and Teachers are invested in forming trusted relationships with families and children. We respect your individuality and the unique aspirations of each child.



A Flying Start To School

While every part of your child's first five years is important, we know you want to be sure that your child is truly ready for starting school.

Being "ready" for school begins from birth. Each step a child makes - from when they are a baby until they leave for school - is important. Each experience and skill supports children to navigate this milestone in their life.

We know how to support each child, backed by research that shows social/emotional development is the most important factor for children to experience academic success in formal schooling.

To address this, To BE Me has a specific, two-year Kindergarten/Preschool program that meets the National Quality Standard and the National Quality Framework.

Delivered by our university-qualified Early Childhood Teachers, A Flying Start to School offers fun and engaging learning experiences in thoughtfully designed environments that inspire curiosity, collaboration and critical thinking.

Our teams know how to support children who move ahead faster than others or who are slightly older and are starting school a little bit later. We will work with your child to meet them where they are at and further extend their learning.

We hold Kindergarten/Preschool Information sessions each year for our families to support this big change and also make connections through our Local School Program to build your child's confidence and familiarity with "going to big school".



The Guardian Family Hub



The Guardian Family Hub takes To BE Me online. It is the digital App where your child's Development Pathway progress and learning record are recorded and kept up to date.

The App makes it easy for you to contribute information about your child and engage with the centre through posts, notifications, comments and reactions.

Information in the Guardian Family Hub is protected within a secure system and a child's information is only accessible to authorised Guardian team members at the centre and the child's family.

The Guardian Family Hub App can be downloaded from the Apple's App Store and the Google Play Store.

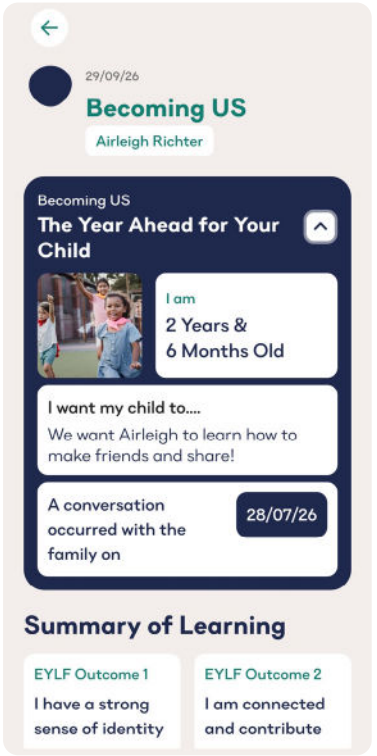
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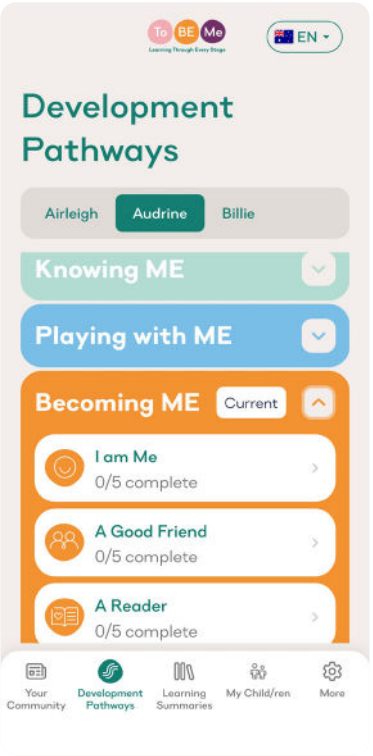
Several quotes in the current printed guide specifically refer to "the book". These printed guides were produced prior to the To BE Me program transitioning to the App. The fundamentals of the To BE Me program described in the printed book are the same, it is only the delivery platform which has changed.

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" When our son started school, his teacher said this was the best insight into a child's development they had ever received."

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