



ANNE TOLLEY: “I mean the most important thing about a child's performance at school is their progress. So even those children who come in, who are not necessarily prepared for school, it's the progress that they're making against the standards that's important. It's not important where they are at any particular point. What is important is where they've come from and where they are and if they're not making the necessary progress what needs to be done to lift them. And I say to those parents of bright children - they also want to know that those bright children are not coasting, so even if they're above standard that they're continuing to improve.”