

Preparing your child for school.

As teachers, these are the things we would like you to practise with your child before they start school in September.



Being able to use the toilet independently.



Being able to dress themselves e.g. put on and take off their own coat, shoes and wellies, school jumper or cardigan.



Being able to share and take turns with other children.
Knowing how to look after equipment and toys.
Being willing to tidy up.



Being able to talk to less familiar adults.

This will help your child feel more confident to talk to school staff about their needs and wants.

Encourage your child to ask for their own ice cream for example or to answer an adult's questions for themselves, rather than doing it for them.



Being able to use a knife and fork to eat their food.



Practise using manners to ask for things they would like and remembering to say thank you.



Being able to wait for things and know their needs may not always be met straight away as there are other people in the class too.



Begin to develop their concentration to focus on one task for a short period of time.



Develop a love of books by sharing stories together on a regular basis.

By practising these skills and encouraging these behaviours, you will be supporting your child to have the best start at school. We don't expect them to have mastered them all and school staff will be on hand to support too but the more your child is able to do for themselves, the easier they will find the transition to full time education.

These are some common misconceptions about what school readiness means.

- My child should know all their letters and sounds.
- My child should recognise all their numbers and be able to write them.
- My child should be able to read before they come to school.

Actually, these are some of the skills your child will learn at school. We will work in partnership with you, to help your child develop in these areas, as well as many others, as part of a well rounded curriculum.

