



Preparing your child ready for school

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Top tips to prepare your child in the summer

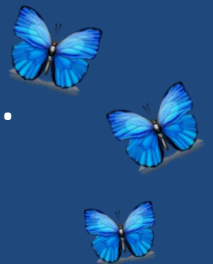
Talk to your child about starting school and remain positive, reassuring them if they have any questions or are anxious.

Talk to other parents in your child's class to build those relationships for you and your child.

Practise the things your child will need to do to get ready for school (such as opening their lunch box, putting things in their book bag and putting on their coat.)

Label your child's clothes and help them recognise their name on each item.

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The school routine

A structured routine is crucial to support your child start school.

Inform your child of who will be taking them to school and picking them up.

Arrive on time. At first, you may stay to ensure your child feels secure, but once they have settled in, a short and reassuring goodbye encourages independence.

Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep (although they may be excited and nervous).

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Encouraging independence

Use the toilet independently (unless a health issue has been identified).

Washing hands after using the toilet and before meals.

Dressing and undressing themselves including their coat– this will help playtime and P.E sessions go smoothly.

Buy shoes that your child can get on and off independently.

Looking after and taking responsibility for their belongings.

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Name recognition

Work on helping your child recognise their name, let them see it in as many different ways as possible, typed and handwritten.

If your child shows an interest in early writing model how to write their name using a capital letter for the initial letter and then lower case as this is what they will be expected to use in school.

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Preparing your child to be a learner

Share books about starting school so it becomes a natural thing to do.

Read lots of books to establish an excitement for reading and an interest in finding out new things.

Spot words and numbers within context e.g. bus numbers, signs, house numbers, birthday banners.

Singing songs which involve counting '10 in a Bed' '10 fat sausages' .

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Enjoy the process

Be calm and positive about school life. At the start of each day class teachers are available for a quick conversation or to arrange a meeting for after school or during the week.

If you are concerned or have any questions do not hesitate to talk to a member of staff, we are all here to help you and your child have a positive and successful experience.

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