

Help your child to be Reception ready

New parents often ask us what their child needs to be able to do before they start at Primary School.



To help, look at this leaflet with your child before they start Reception. Practise anything that they do not feel sure about. This confidence will help them to settle in.

GOING TO THE TOILET ON THEIR OWN

Your child will be encouraged to become more independent at Primary School so they will go to the toilet by themselves. They will flush the toilet, and wash and dry their hands. Help your child by practising any part of this they are not sure about at home.

TAKING SHOES ON AND OFF

Your child will need to take off their outdoor shoes from time to time when they are at school.

Get them to practise this at home, help them by choosing shoes that are easy to put on and take off, such as shoes with Velcro fastenings.



FOLLOWING SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS

It is important that the children pay attention to their teacher when the teacher talks to them. They will also need to be able to listen and follow instructions. Practise this at home by finding your child simple jobs to carry out.



USING PENCILS AND SCISSORS CORRECTLY

Children need to use pens, pencils and scissors in the right way. Help them practise using them at home. Talk to them about using them safely.

RECOGNISING THEIR NAME

We will teach your child how to recognise letters and numbers, but it will help your child to settle in if they can recognise their own name on coat pegs, class drawers, etc.

GETTING DRESSED AND UNDRESSED FOR PE LESSONS

Your child will need to take their uniform off and dress for PE lessons.

Help your child practise this at home. Children often enjoy trying on their uniform before they begin at Primary School.

Also, think about clothing that is easy for them to put on and take off, for example elastic waists and a coat with simple fastenings.

Practising putting on and zipping up coats is also very useful.





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