

Starting Reception: Preparing your Child for School



HELLO PARENTS!

This E-book will give you some ideas on how to best prepare your child for starting school. There will be more ideas in your child's starting school pack that they will receive later in the term and we will discuss this in a different E-Book.






"The greatest gifts we
can give our children are
the roots of RESPONSIBILITY
and the wings of
INDEPENDENCE."

maria montessori

Joyful in Kinder



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE...

It is very important to begin building independence skills with your child as at school we encourage the children to do as much as they can for themselves. To support independence you could...

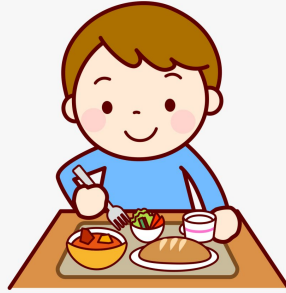
Dress your child in elasticated trousers or skirts rather than a belt or buttons. This will make trips to the toilet much easier!



Get velcro fastened shoes rather than lace ups! Your child will be able to put their shoes on independently and their learning won't be interrupted by needing their laces tied.

BUILDING INDEPENDENCE...

Teach and encourage your child to put their coat on and fasten it up.



Teach your child to take off their jumper or cardigan and put it back on again.



Practise holding and using a knife and fork correctly so they can cut their food up independently.



BUILDING INDEPENDENCE...

This year, it is so important that your child knows how to wash their hands correctly and are in the habit of doing this throughout the day for 20 seconds. We would really appreciate you working on this at home to keep us all safe!!



Don't Panic...

If your child is in the process of learning their independence skills. When they come to school there will always be a school adult around to help!



If you like it then you need to put a Name on it...

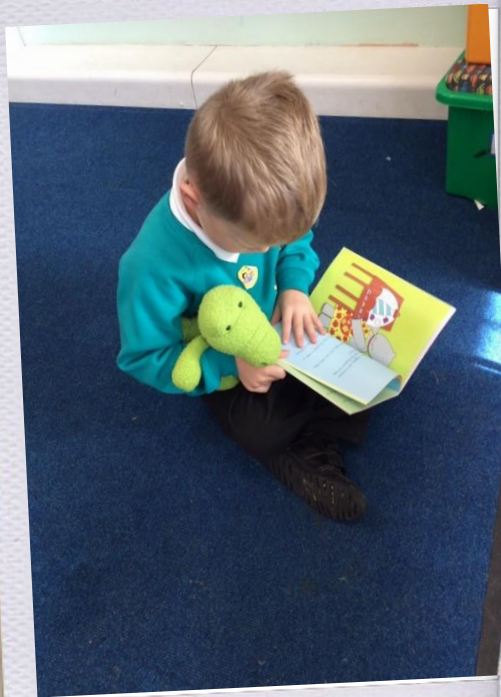
Please, please put your child's name on everything
they bring to school so it's easily identifiable.

Water Bottles, Jumpers, Coats, P.E Kits, Shoes!!

We know how expensive these bits and bobs can
be so please help us to keep it safe.

Remember, all of the children will have a green
jumper and it is impossible to know whose jumper
is whose even with the sniff test so a name on
everything is so important!





The more that
YOU READ,
THE MORE THINGS
YOU WILL KNOW.
The more that you learn,
THE MORE PLACES
YOU'LL GO.
-DR. SEUSS



READ, READ AND THEN READ SOME MORE...

The Dr Seuss Quote on the previous page is so very true. Reading underpins so much learning. It is the foundation for communication and language, literacy, spelling skills, understanding the world, personal and social skills and so much more.

So choose some books off the shelf or read one from the online library and enjoy cuddling up and reading together

The Reception Teachers Favourite Picture Book

Mrs Milne's Favourite: A Squash and a Squeeze- Julia Donaldson

Miss Costello's Favourite: Owl Babies - Martin Waddell

Miss Watson's Favourite: Aliens Love Underpants - Claire Freedman

What my Child Needs and Doesn't Need for School

Your child will receive a lot of freebies for starting school.

Upon completing your admission forms (More on this in a later E-Book) you will receive:

- *A P.E Kit (Shorts, Green Top, P.E Bag)

- *Water Bottle

In September your child will receive:

- * A green book bag



Your child will not need a backpack because they will put all their bits and bobs into their free book bag.



Your child will need a spare set of clothes including underwear and socks in case of a toileting accident or general spillages.

Your child will need sandshoes for their P.E bags. (With their name inside!) Black ones with a velcro strap are the best. Please make sure the sandshoes are not too big as this can be a safety issue in P.E



GOODBYE FOR NOW...

We hope this E-book has given you some ideas of how to prepare your child for starting school.

Thank You

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Miss Costello



Mrs Milne



Miss Watson

