



Helping to get your child Reception Ready

New parents often ask us what their children need to be able to do before they start Reception Class. To help, we have written this guide.



You may find it useful to look at this leaflet with your child before they start Reception. Practise anything that they do not feel sure about. This will help them to settle in more quickly and confidently.

If you have concerns that your child will not be able to manage these skills by the time they come to Reception, please let us know and we will be there to help.



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.

Tiwa has spotted her name on her coat peg so she knows where to hang her coat.



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 which are easy to put on and take off, such as shoes with Velcro fastenings.

Edward is putting on his shoes after he has done P.E. His shoes are nice and easy to put on.



Following simple instructions

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

Edward's teacher has asked the class to write their names in their books. Edward has done it and is listening to hear what he has to do next.

Going to the toilet on their own

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

Tiwa has been to the toilet. Everything is bright and fun and just the right size for her. She loves the dinosaur pictures on the doors.



Getting dressed and undressed

Your child will need to take their uniform and coat off and put them back on during the school day. Help your child practise this at home. Children often enjoy trying on their uniform before they go to school.

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

Tiwa and Edward are putting on their coats. They are having fun racing to see who can do it quickest.



Using pencils and scissors correctly

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

Edward is enjoying doing some cutting. He knows that he needs to hold the scissors with the pointy ends closed and downward if he has to carry them.



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