



Am I ready for school?

Tips for Parents

When your child starts primary school there are several skills that they should ideally have mastered. Use this guide to help you track their progress.

Self-Care

- I know when to wash my hands.
- I can wipe my nose.
- I can ask for help if I don't feel well.

Speaking and Literacy

- I am interested in reading stories and looking at picture books.
- I can talk about myself, my needs, and feelings.
- I am practising recognising my name when it's written down.

Dressing and undressed on my own.

- I can button and unbutton my clothes.
- I can put my own shoes and socks on.
- I can put my coat on and use a zip.

Interest in the world and new activities.

- I enjoy learning about the world around me.
- I am interested in exploring new activities or environments.
- I like asking questions.

Eating.

- I can use a knife and fork.
- I can open my packed lunch on my own.
- I am confident at opening wrappers and packaging.

Writing Skills.

- I like tracing patterns and colouring in.
- I enjoy experimenting with different shapes and scribbles.
- I practice holding a pencil.

Going to the toilet.

- I can go to the toilet on my own.
- I can wipe properly and flush.

Independence.

- I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy, or my main carer.
- I am happy to tidy my belongings and look after my things.
- I feel confident about starting school.

Listening and understanding.

- I can sit still and listen for a short while.
- I can follow instruction.
- I understand the need to follow rules.

Sharing and turn taking.

- I can share and take turns.
- I can play games with others.
- I can interact with other children.

Counting Skills.

- I enjoy practising counting objects.
- I like saying number rhymes and playing counting games.
- I can recognise some numbers when they are written down.

Routines.

- I have practised putting on my uniform and getting ready to leave on time.
- I have a good bedtime routine so I'm not feeling tired for school.
- I am learning to eat at the times I will on school days.



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