

How Ready is Your Child for School?

As your child is about to start Primary School, this short questionnaire has been compiled for you to complete. You should not expect your child to have fully mastered as yet all the skills below. Check to see how your child has progressed thus far and by doing so, you may highlight some areas in which to support and extend your child's skills in the coming few months leading up to his/her entry into school.



How far do you think your child is able to:

Independence Skills

- Manage in the toilet and wash hands
- Undress and dress
- Cope at mealtimes without adult support
- Say his/her name, age, address and phone no
- Take care of belongings
- Hang up his/her coat
- Change shoes
- Pack and unpack a school bag

Behaviour

- Follow instructions
- Do (mostly) what he/she is told
- Manage frustration, anger and temper
- Stop distracting others
- Understand and comply with household rules and boundaries
- Understand and comply with Nursery class rules

Social Skills

- Play well with other children
- Take turns in play/game situations
- Share with others
- Show empathy and care to friends

Emotional Skills

- Cope with new situations
- Cope with new peer group
- Deal with changes in routine
- Separate happily from parent/carer
- Manage emotions when things go wrong

Attention and Concentration Skills

- Listen to and follow an adult's instruction
- Persevere in an activity lasting 5 -10 minutes
- Manage to sit and remain in one place to finish a meal, listen to a story, etc

Communication Skills

- Speak clearly and be understood by others
- Understand a 3 or 4 idea sentence: (e.g. Put the pink cup on the red chair)
- Produce sentences with more than 5 or 6 words
- Repeat a sentence of 8 to 10 words

Literacy Skills

- Enjoy books and stories
- Show understanding and comprehension of the main ideas in a story
- Show an interest in letters
- Recognise his/ her own name
- Show an interest in writing his own name
- Begin to show an interest in letters and sounds in words
- Show an interest in drawing
- Show an interest in writing letters
- Have an understanding of rhyme
- Recite nursery rhymes and songs

Numeracy Skills

- Count to 10
- Count items with 1-1 correspondence
- Know colours
- Recognise and name 2D shapes
- Match and sort objects

Writing Skills

- Hold and control a pencil
- Copy writing patterns and letters
- Write his/her name
- Form other letters correctly
- Use scissors

