

Am I ready for school?



When your child starts primary school there are a number of skills that they should have ideally mastered. Use this sheet as a guide to help track their progress.

Going to the toilet

- I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly and flush
- I can wash and dry my hands without any help

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 am feeling confident about starting school

Listening & Understanding

- I am able to sit still and listen for a short while
- I can follow instructions
- I understand the need to follow rules

Sharing & turn taking

- I can share toys 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'm learning to eat at the times I will on school days

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 & Literacy

- I am interested in reading stories and looking at picture books
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs and my feelings
- I am practising recognising my name when it is written down

Getting dressed & 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 & 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 shaped scribbles
- I am practising holding a pencil

