

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Tips for parents

Starting school is an exciting time for both children and parents!

However, it's understandable that it can also feel a bit daunting. It's important to remember that your child doesn't need to have mastered all these things before September. Rest assured that your child's teacher will be there to support them every step of the way to make progress at their own pace.



Toilet train - so they can use the toilet independently if possible



Get them excited for school!



Give them opportunities to practise taking turns and also play independently



Read to them - foster a love of books



Help them use a knife and fork and make sure they can open their own lunch box



Teach them how to put their shoes on (velcro is best!)



Teach them to put on and take off their own coat



Practise taking off and putting on PE kit



Show them how to hold a pencil correctly



Start teaching them how to write their own name



Start practising how to use scissors safely



Label everything with your child's name, including shoes!