

Let's get ready for school!

### Independence



I am happy to be away from mummy, daddy or my main caregiver.  
I can look after and organise my own things, e.g. jumper and book bag.

### Managing Feelings

I can tell you what I need and ask for help when needed.  
I understand simple emotions and can explain how I feel.  
I can manage my feelings when things 'go wrong.'



### Showing Respect

I can play with other children and share resources fairly.  
I can wait for a turn in a game.  
I respect my environment and treat classroom equipment with care.



### Communicating my Ideas

I can sit and listen to a story.  
I can talk about what happened in a story and share my own experiences.  
I can follow two-part instructions.  
I can use four-six word sentences.



### Moving About



I can play safely both indoors and outdoors.  
I can put on/take off my coat, shoes, and wellies.  
I can hold mark-making tools carefully.  
I can use scissors to snip and cut.  
I can change into my clothes for P.E.  
I can use the toilet and wash my hands.

### Eating



I can use a knife and fork.  
I can open my packed lunch on my own.  
I can open wrappers and containers.  
I can sit at the table when eating and wait for my friends to finish.

### Understanding Learning.

I can listen carefully to others.  
I can follow two-part instructions.  
I can ask and answer questions about a familiar story, picture or simple topic, e.g., what I ate at lunchtime.



### Early Literacy



I can recognise my name and write it.  
I handle books carefully and turn the pages.  
I know that words have meaning.  
I hear and join in with simple rhymes.  
I join in when reading familiar stories.  
I can talk about what I have drawn.

### Early Numeracy



I can count objects, up to 5, and say 'how many.'  
I recognise numerals 0 1 2 3 4 5.  
I can name and talk about simple shapes.  
I can sort objects by size, shape and colour.  
I can identify if a group has more / less.  
I understand positional language, e.g. 'behind.'



Useful Guides:

[What to Expect in the Early Years – A Guide for Parents](#)

[A Parent Toolkit on Getting Ready for School](#)



The steps above are suggestions to help prepare your child for their exciting learning in school. Please do not panic if your child has not yet achieved all of the suggested steps. We celebrate that children develop different skills and abilities at different times. It is what makes learning in the Early Years such fun!  
- We are always here to help too.

