

## Letter formation

In reception children are taught pre cursive letter formation. This is to prepare them for joined up handwriting in Year 1.

a b c d e f g h i  
j k l m n o p q r



## Number formation

1 2 3 4 5 6  
7 8 9 10

School Readiness  
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## What is 'School Readiness?'

School Readiness is **not** about starting a formal approach to learning as early as possible.

Your child learns and develops mainly through play. It cannot be stressed enough how valuable play opportunities are for your child, allowing them to explore the world around them and make connections in their thinking which leads to deep level learning. All positive experiences that young children can receive contribute towards them being 'ready for school'.

Supporting your child to become independent, communicative, feeding and dressing themselves, using the toilet and knowing and understanding their own needs is great preparation for later when these skills will be invaluable.

## Ready for school?

Starting school is a very exciting step in a child's life and may be stressful for some children, parents and families.

This booklet aims to reassure and inform you of some simple and fun ways to support your child start school healthy, happy, active, curious, sociable and keen for the next phase of life and learning.



**YOU** are your child's most important and on-going educator. Support and encourage them with...

...chatting about likes, dislikes, feeling and emotions—use pictures and stories.



...dressing and feeding themselves, and using the toilet

...being active everyday—run, jump, dance, hop and skip.

...exploring the outdoors—look at nature together.

...developing a love of books, stories and songs.



...turn taking, helping and sharing together at home.

...being able to follow simple instructions.

...asking questions, encourage talking—wait for the answers.

...Showing interest in their fascination and curiosity to learn—what does interest them?



...being creative and exploring messy play—paint, playdough etc.

...praise and encourage effort—celebrate abilities and strengths.