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'Every child is unique and at the heart of everything we do'

"School Readiness" – Key Messages for Parents

Children need to be able to:

- Speak to an adult and know when to ask for help
- Understand the word 'stop' and that this might be used to prevent danger
- Understand the word 'no' and the boundaries it sets
- Recognise their own name including familiar signs and logos
- Talk in full sentences and have a good, detailed vocabulary
- Be aware of other children – play and form friendships
- Sit still and listen when asked and also be able to take turns and share
- Be toilet trained and able to visit the toilet unaided
- Put on and take off coat and shoes. Dress and undress for PE with minimal adult support
- Open and enjoy a book both independently and with an adult
- Recognise numbers and take part in counting games
- Hold a pencil properly to make marks and begin to draw
- Eat a meal or snack unaided, identify and enjoy a range of healthy foods.

