

Is your child ready for school?

When your child starts school there are a number of skills that they ideally should have already mastered. These skills

contribute to our school values that we will continue to instil and develop in your children throughout their journey with us.

Community

- I can share toys, take turns and play games with others.
- I can interact with other children and adults.
- I am able to talk about myself, my needs and feelings. I like asking questions.
- I know who to ask for help.

Aspiration

- I am interested in exploring new activities and environments, learning about the world around me.
- I enjoy counting, number rhymes and can recognise some numbers.
- I can hold a pencil to mark make and enjoy experimenting with drawing.
- I am practising to recognise and write my name.
- I am interested in books and nursery rhymes.

Respect

- I am able to sit and listen for a short while.
- I can follow instructions.
- I understand the need to follow rules.
- I can tidy up and look after my things.

Excellence

- I am feeling confident about starting school and saying good bye to my grown up .
- I can dress myself and put my coat on.
- I can independently go to the toilet and keep myself clean.
- I can use a knife and fork to eat my meals.
- I know how to wash my hands and wipe my nose hygienically.

Together these core values spell our 5th value of **CARE**. All teachers promote and model these values in all aspects of school life focusing on being kind to each other.

Top Tips for preparing your child

- Talk to your child about the new friends they will make at school and their teachers who are there to help them.

- Encourage your child to explore new environments and ask questions about what they see.
- Find time to read to your child each day, this will prepare them for reading the books they will bring home.
- Help your child to recognise their name in their uniform and bookbag.

- Remember every child is different and starts school with different abilities. Praise your child for their achievements coming to school each day.

- Encourage your child to carry out self-care routines such as getting dressed, eating, wiping their nose and toileting independently.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they are awake and ready for school each morning.