

# Getting ready to start school!

It is nearly time to start school! Here are some things you can practise at home to help you get ready for school.

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| I can wash and dry my hands.   | I can use the toilet independently.                         | I can wipe my nose.   | I can put on my coat and do the zip/buttons up. | I can dress and undress independently.  |
| I can say which food option I like from a small selection of choices.  | I can use a spoon, knife and fork independently.            | I can drink from a water bottle.                              | I can recognise danger and keep myself safe.    | I am happy to be away from my parents or carers.  |
| I can follow simple instructions.  | I can ask a grown up for help if needed.                    | I can take turns when playing games.                          | I can share toys and resources with others.     | I can talk about my needs, ideas and feelings.  |
| I can recognise my full name when written down<br>(please ensure this is modelled using the correct letter formation). | I can listen to and join in with stories, rhymes and songs. | I can identify words that rhyme<br>(for example cat and mat). | I can hold a pencil and make marks.             | I have a love of reading and regularly look at books independently.                               |
| I can count to 10 in order.  | I can sing number rhymes (for example 10 green bottles).    | I can count small groups of objects.                          | I can recognise numerals 1-5 with confidence.   | I can name simple shapes in the environment (for example circle, square, rectangle and triangle). |

Independence skills   Social skills   Literacy skills   Maths skills

Please note this grid is not exhaustive and there are many other skills that your child may be developing at this time. The most important skill I would like the children to have when they start school is a love of learning!