

Preparing your child for school

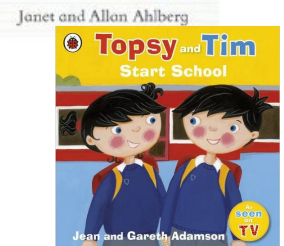
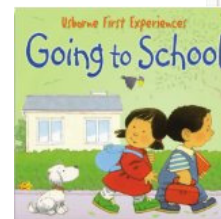


Starting BIG school is a BIG transition for children and parents alike! It is an exciting new change full of adventures and opportunities! Your child may feel daunted and anxious about this change. Hopefully, with preparation, your child will find this a smooth transition that they are ready and excited for!

What we will do

We will help prepare your child for school by:

- Talking about school in an upbeat positive way!
- Show them photographs of their new school.
- Provide examples of uniform in the dressing up area
- Provide school role-play toys
- Read story books about going to school
- We encourage children to 'start' writing by tracing lines, shapes and their names. This helps strengthen their fine motor skills, to hold a pencil.
- Have foundation stage teachers from their new school come to visit the preschool
- Your child's Key Person will liaise with your child's new teacher and go through your child's learning journal with them. They will let the teachers know who your child's friendship groups which they will consider when deciding classes.



What you can do

You can help your child with this transition by also talking about school in a positive way (involve older siblings too!). Share with them your good memories of school. Let your Key Person know of any concerns your child may have so we can help address them. Take your child on a visit to the school and any events the school is putting on for new starters. Make the buying of their first uniform a fun and exciting experience!

We will be here to help and support you and your child all the way.