



What happens when you are ready to start school?

Look at the Picture News Poster. What can you see? Do you know why the school gates are shut? Discuss that, at the moment, a lot of schools are shut because of the coronavirus. Normally, when you start school, your new teachers like to invite you into school for special visits in June and July so they can get to know you and you can get to know them and see what your classroom is going to be like. This year is different because of the coronavirus. We might not be able to go in and meet our teachers. Your teachers do still want to get to know you though and find out all about you! They want to plan fun activities for you when you do start school.

Think about: What can you tell your teachers about you?

Look at EY Additional Resource 1. Can you answer the questions and send it to your new teacher so they can find out lots and lots of important information about you?

How can I get ready for starting school?

There are lots of things you can do to help yourself get ready to start school. Can you practise all these different things whilst you are at home?

1. Getting dressed by yourself.

Can you put on your own coat and your own shoes?

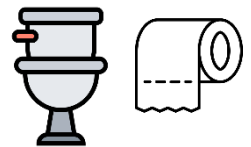
Can you get dressed in the morning and put on your pyjamas at bedtime?



2. Going to the toilet on your own.

Can you go to the toilet on your own?

Can you wash your hands properly?



3. Sing lots of different nursery rhymes



Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

4. Mark making and using scissors

Can you draw lines and circles?

Can you use a pencil and a paintbrush?

Can you write your name?

Can you use scissors to make snips in paper?



5. Number skills

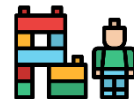
Can you count different things in your house e.g. the stairs, your teddies, the number of plates on the table.

Can you look for numbers around you e.g. door numbers, numbers on car registration plates?



6. Tidy your toys

Can you tidy away your toys when you've finished playing?



7. Use a knife and fork

Can you cut up your own food?

Can you pick up your food with a fork?



Above are suggestions of activities you can do at home to help support your child. All children begin school with different skills and abilities, and we will support each child from their own individual starting points.