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Starting School

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place at Curbar Primary School from September 2020. Starting school is a very exciting time for you and your child and we place great importance on helping your child be happy in school and helping them settle.

School Readiness in Derbyshire

Derbyshire parents, carers and professionals have identified the 10 keys to unlocking school readiness. These will help parents and families understand what their children should be able to do by the time they start in a reception class, if they are developing typically for their age.

- I can settle happily without my parent or carer.
- I can tell friends and grown-ups what I need.
- I can take turns and share when I am playing.
- I can go to the toilet on my own and wash my hands.
- I can put on my own coat and shoes and feed myself.
- I can tell a grown up if I am happy, sad or cross.
- I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy.
- I am curious and want to learn and play.
- I can stop what I am doing, listen and follow simple instructions.
- I enjoy sharing books with grown-ups.

In order to help your child get ready for school at Curbar, there are a few things that can be done to help make the transition to school life smooth and enjoyable. By performing a few simple tasks, your child will be better prepared to start their new adventure!

You can help your child be ready for school by (in no particular order) helping them to:

- Re-tell simple and well known stories
- Share books and talk about them
- Sing simple songs and nursery rhymes from memory
- Name common colours and shapes
- Colour in pictures
- Draw simple pictures and talk about their drawing

- Recognise own belongings
- Play alongside and share with other children
- Manage personal hygiene including toileting, nose blowing and hand washing
- Get dressed independently
- Touch count carefully
- Ask for help
- Eat lunch using the correct utensils
- Tidy up!

It will be useful to talk to your child about starting school and to make the whole process as exciting as possible.

More information can be found at the link: [Ready for School in Derbyshire](#)

Parental Engagement

Children make the very best progress when they are supported by all the adults who are important to them. To enable you to offer the best support we try to provide you with as much information as possible, through newsletters and emails, parent workshops and through informal meetings.

We know that you are your child's first educator and wish to work in partnership with you in this important stage in your child's life and education. Communication is vital to this relationship. If there are important changes in your child's life please let us know. We will also speak with you if we have any concerns regarding your child. If you are at all worried about anything to do with school or your child, no matter how small, please see a member of staff - sometimes small problems can become bigger if they are not dealt with straight away. Please feel free to share your child's achievements with us and we welcome your contributions e.g. 'Fred can zip up his coat independently'. Staff are usually available at the beginning and at the end of the day for a quick chat – if there is anything that requires a bit more time then please make an appointment.