

Preparing your child for School

Having some basic skills before starting school will ensure that your child has a confident start to school. It is helpful if your child can:

- carry their own school bag
- ask for things they need
- go to the toilet and wash their hands
- dress themselves (for swimming)
- put on their own shoes
- blow their nose
- recognise when they are thirsty and get a drink of water

Children may find it easier to participate in the class if they:

- can follow simple instructions
- can sit on a chair at a table for a short time to complete an activity
- are comfortable being away from you
- know how to share, take turns, and wait for things
- know the names of colours and shapes
- know some letter names and sounds of the alphabet
- know the numbers 1 to 10
- can hold a pencil correctly and use scissors
- can write their name
- are able to hold a picture book and turn the pages carefully

Ideas to help with reading, writing and maths

You can help your child's learning by supporting them and being excited by their learning. Click on the link below to help students develop their numeracy and literacy skills at home:

<https://parents.education.govt.nz/primary-school/learning-and-development-at-home/ideas-to-help-with-reading-writing-and-maths/#Year1>