

Getting Ready for Pre-School

- Have conversations with your child. Talk about their ideas and feelings. Teach your child new words and encourage them to speak in sentences.
- Share positive thoughts about Pre-School. It will be a fun experience!
- Read to your child everyday.
- Share stories, songs and rhymes in English and your home language.
- Encourage your child to be independent when dressing. Clothes that are easy to take on and off are best for Pre-School. Ensure your child can put on a coat on their own. Shoes with a Velcro fastening are ideal.
- Encourage your child to go to the toilet independently. Teach your child how to wash their hands on their own, using soap and water.
- Go on outings e.g. parks, shops, libraries, swimming pools. Talk about your child's interests and what they enjoy.
- Look for numbers and words in the local environment e.g. door numbers, shop names.
- When you say goodbye, keep smiling! Trust us, your child will enjoy themselves in Pre-School. Children who are upset will quickly settle and make new friends.

