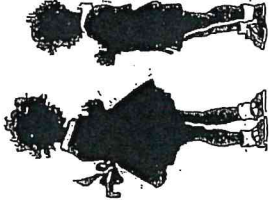


Getting Ready

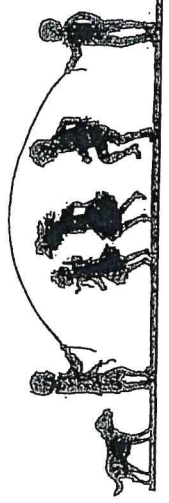


You have probably already started talking to your child about school. You can help to make them feel comfortable and positive about school by emphasising how enjoyable it is.

You can tell them that they will make many new friends and enjoy playing with new things.

Make a point of walking past the school and tell them about the children enjoying themselves inside.

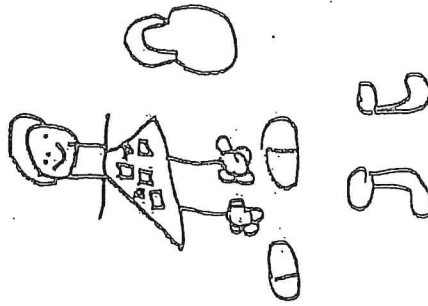
Tell them there are teachers to care for them and be their friend; and special teachers who take special care of them.



Practical Points

It is really important that your child is able to do certain things for themselves before they come to school.

- To care for themselves at the toilet.
(We do keep spare clothes in school in case of accidents)
- To dress and undress themselves. This saves time and helps to develop their manipulative skill.



Getting changed for P.E.



Please ensure all your child's clothes are clearly named.

Speaking and Listening

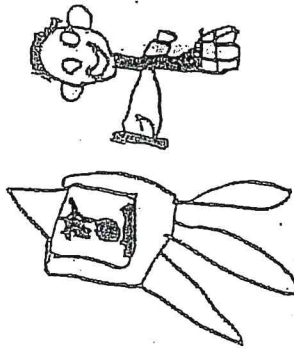
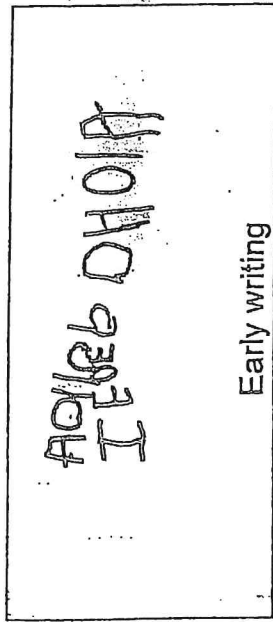
- Talk to your child as much as possible.
- Listen to what they have to say.
- Give them clear instructions and watch them carry out the tasks.
- Recite and sing rhymes.

Reading

- Share a well-illustrated book with your child.
- Encourage your child to join in with repetitive phrases.
- Point to the words as you read them and let your child turn over the page.
- Encourage your child to predict what will happen next.
- Point to and read everyday signs and notices.
- Let your child see you reading books and newspapers.

Writing and Drawing

- Give your child lots of materials and opportunities to write, scribble and draw. Encourage all their efforts with praise.
- If you wish to do some letter formation with your child then it is important that they hold the pencil and forms letters correctly. Early problems become habits that are very hard to break. Please use the handwriting sheet provided.
- When writing their name, begin with an uppercase and use lower case for the remainder.



Mathematics

- Count objects around the home, stairs, items in the shopping basket etc.
- Look for numbers around you. E.g: house numbers, cars and speed limits!
- Compare size of objects and use vocabulary e.g long, short, big, small, heavy, light, tall, short etc.