

Independent skills for starting school:

It would be really great if your child could already do the following, before they start school with us.

☺ *Hold a pencil correctly.*



☺ *Use a pair of scissors.*

☺ *Know which way up to hold a book and how to turn the pages.*

☺ *Respond to a question or be able to make their needs known.*

☺ *Take themselves to the toilet (including being able to wipe their own bottom, we are NOT allowed to do this for them).*



☺ *Wash their own hands with soap and water.*



☺ *Be able to blow their nose and use a tissue.*

☺ *Dress and undress for P.E. and put on their own coat, we don't mind helping with buttons and zips to start with.*

☺ *Sing a song or rhyme.*



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‘Starting School’

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College Park Infant School



How to ensure that our youngest children have a happy, safe and successful start to school.



Coming to school

We will...

- Greet your child at the classroom door.
- Help your child to make new friendships (with children and staff).
- Make learning fun (not just for the first few days)!
- Support your child to be more independent.
- Point you in the right direction if you need further advice and support (eg. School Nurse, Senco, Parenting Support).
- Celebrate your child's learning and achievements with them and you.

You can help us by ...

- Reassuring your child e.g.
- Being proud of your child and not communicating any worries that you may have with them.
- Ensuring that your child arrives at school punctually, so they can settle for the day.
- Sharing your knowledge of your child with us.
- Talking to your child about what they have learnt each day.
- Regularly communicating politely with us.
- Talking with your child about everything.
- Sharing books and stories together.

"Have a lovely time with your friends, I will be back soon."



• *If...*

- *Your child is unsure at the beginning, we will welcome you into the classroom to stay for a short while.*



- *Your child is upset when you leave, we will aim to telephone you later to reassure you that they are alright.*



- *We come to speak to you at the end of the day, please assume that it is for something positive, not that there is a problem.*



- *You have a concern, please contact us as soon as possible, so we can address it straight away.*



- *You find that your child is more tired than usual, don't worry, it is natural after a busy day of learning at school.*

