

Preparing For Reception

at Hydesville Tower School

If your little one is starting school later this year, then you'll know how exciting - and daunting - this change can be.



A Foundation For The Future

If you're feeling anxious, it's helpful to remember that most children settle quickly and easily into their new surroundings. Throughout their lives children will go through many transitions and with a little help and encouragement, they will cope with ever increasing confidence during these times.

Here are a few things you can do to help in the weeks and months ahead:

FIRSTLY, DO NOT WORRY

Children commence school with a wide range of experiences and abilities. Some have already been in a nursery environment, others to playgroups, and some have little experience outside their home environment. Staff understand this and are there to help everyone progress at their own level and pace.

SHARE EXPERIENCES

Your child does not need to be able to read, write or count before they begin school. However, it is helpful if you have shared experiences of reading stories together to build a love of books. Engaging children with fun activities, such as painting, using large crayons and chalks will also help them to become familiar and confident with mark-making.

BUILD THEIR CURIOSITY

Many activities such as singing, playing games, talking about nature and having fun with numbers will begin to build your child's

enthusiasm for learning and a curiosity to want to investigate the world for themselves.

JOBS FOR LITTLE HANDS

Help your child build the skills to become an independent thinker and learner. Little things like putting on their own shoes and coat, hanging up their bag, washing their hands or helping you tidy away can prepare them for listening and following instructions, as well as encouraging them to act more independently.

VISIT THE SCHOOL

The school will provide you with information about starting Reception. If possible, visit the school with your child before they start. The school will have open days and other informal events, as well as a specific day for the children to experience their new class. Sharing your child's interests and strengths with the teachers will enable them to provide opportunities to enthuse individual children.

RELAX AND BE POSITIVE

The most important thing is to promote a relaxed and positive attitude to their new adventure. It is often the adults whom worry, but children are naturally sociable, quick to make friends and love starting school. They are usually very ready for the next stage in their learning and will blossom as they grow during their first year of school. The progress that follows is amazing and you will look back and wonder why you worried in the first place.

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