

## School Readiness

We are excited to welcome your child to Kings Lodge, but school is a very different dynamic to nursery and preschool, with 1 teacher and up to 30 children, so the more you can do to prepare them for this next step, the more independent and successful they will be!

## Familiarisation

Walk past the school lots of times and talk about what a lovely time they will have when they start school. Show them their uniform and let them try it on so that it is familiar.

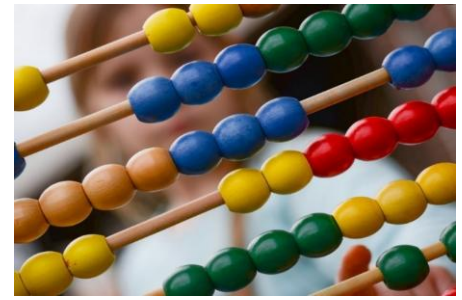
## Coats

When children can put on their own coat this gives them a sense of independence and gets everyone out to play much quicker! It will quickly turn cold so it is also important to practice putting on their own hats and gloves in readiness for winter too.



## Toileting

Making sure your child is toilet trained well in advance of starting school is very important. It is not uncommon for accidents to happen but early toilet training means it will be less likely and your child will be more confident using the toilet without support.



## Resilience

Lots of children will have a wobble when they leave you for the first time. The more experience they have of being left in different places e.g. preschool, grandparents, with friends etc. the more quickly they will recover from this. If they do have a few tears when you drop them off be assured that we will take very good care of them and give them lots of TLC, the best thing you can do to help them is look brave and make a quick exit.

## Independence and resilience is the key to success!

### Not winning!

When you play games together make sure your child experiences losing. It is a safe place for them to feel disappointed when they are with you and if they have experienced this feeling with you then they will handle it better when they are playing games with their peers.

### Sharing and taking turns

If it is possible for you to do so, invite other children round to play. This will give your child the experience of having to share their toys and wait their turn when they want to play with something

## What don't you need to do?

What you don't need to worry about is teaching them to write the alphabet, count to 100 or to read! We will begin all of this as soon as they are happy and settled in school

## Getting Messy

Have some experience of messy play at home, let your child know it is ok if they get painty hands and show them how to wash it off independently.

## Getting ready to start school at Kings Lodge



## Conversation

Take lots of time to talk to your child about their day and about your day. Encourage them to wait their turn in a conversation and help them to understand that we do not interrupt when someone else is talking.



## Tidying up!

We do this several times a day! So the more familiar they are with this the more comfortable they will feel. Encourage your child to tidy up their toys, some children will need this to be small tasks so it is not overwhelming eg: "put your pens in the pot", rather than just "tidy up".

## Any Questions ?

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