

Annfield Plain Infant School SCHOOL



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Top Tips for Parents of Children starting School

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

When your child starts school their teacher will advise you on ways to support their learning, these may include:

- Talk in a positive way; mention the things that they are likely to enjoy e.g. PE, painting, sand and water.
- Don't use school as a threat, e.g. wait until you get to school!
- Do read books to your child and get them to talk about the pictures.
- Join the library; let your child choose their own books.
- Encourage your child to draw and use a pencil.
- Practise counting, e.g. sweets, stairs, buttons.
- Share songs including counting songs and nursery rhymes.
- Always be on the look out for colours, words, numbers and signs in the world around you.
- Encourage your child to colour in simple pictures neatly.

I can do it!

Children will gain confidence and pleasure from being able to do things for themselves. The following is a list of 'I can do it' activities, which you and your child could work towards in the coming weeks. Help will always be at hand so please do not worry or upset your child if they can't manage all of these. Enjoy it as a game and give lots of praise and encouragement.

I can:

- Use the toilet properly by myself- very important!
- Dress and undress myself
- Blow my own nose
- Wash and dry my hands
- Use a knife and fork
- Tidy up my toys
- Put on my coat, hat and gloves
- Do up zips, buttons and buckles

ENTRY INTO SCHOOL:

To ensure security the school grounds are locked during the school day between 9.00 am and 3 pm. Access during this time can only be made via the school main entrance.

Procedures for coming to school and leaving at home-time:

We assume and strongly recommend that children of infant school age will be accompanied by a responsible adult at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please bring your child into school via the pedestrian entrance in the lane

Please do not bring dogs onto the school site.

Parents and other adults who bring children to school by car. Please note that the following practices are hazardous and should be avoided at all times:

- parking/stopping on double yellow/zigzag lines outside the school.
- reversing into driveways and side streets.
- parking on the school grounds or entrance ways.
- driving onto the school site.
- obstructing access to Northgate and Clavering Place. (We ask that all drivers give consideration to the residents of these streets by ensuring that they do not block private access).

TOP TIPS

- Arrive at School at 8.50am, if you arrive after 9am you are late and should therefore head to the school office where you will sign the school late book.
- If your child is ill please contact school, before 9.30am to notify the School Administrator.
- If your child is bringing money into school please put it in an envelope marked with the amount enclosed, purpose of the money and most importantly your child's name and class. Money includes School Visits, Sponsor Money, etc. **We do have over 100 pupils in school so this tip is very important!**
- If your child has a medical appointment during school hours you must bring your child's appointment slip/letter into the school office for the attention of the school administrator.
- The governors do not sanction family holidays during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. A letter should be written to the Headteacher/Chair of Governors requesting time off including dates and reason for request.
- If you need any information, letters or forms please head to the school office where the school administrator will be happy to help! You can also check on our Facebook/Twitter page or our school website:
www.annfieldplain-inf.durham.sch.uk