

School Readiness

Events: Ask local schools if you can attend their events so that the children can see what happens and the school needs to do little to no extra work. E.G. Assemblies, sports carnivals etc.

Meal times: Find out what time local schools have their meal times and align your routine to match this so children are not starving when they have lunch at 1pm and are used to lunch at 11.30am. Also find out how long children get to eat as often it is only 5-10 minutes.



Library: Find out if you can gain access to a local school library to borrow books on current interests and projects, to develop an understanding of how this works so children have the skills prior to starting school.

Uniforms: You might like to buy some uniforms from the 2nd hand shop at local schools to add to your home corner and allow children to role play being at school to explore any anxieties or misconceptions through play.

Celebrations: Find out what events local schools celebrate and add these to your calendar to allow children to become familiar with them, including fundraisers.

Music: Find out if your local school has a band or choir that you could watch practice or perform to both give the school an opportunity to rehearse and your children an idea of extra curricula opportunities.

School Holidays: If you are open during the holidays ask for permission to utilise the school's climbing equipment during this time to help children gain confidence with higher ratios of adults to support them and prevent injuries.

Pen Pals: Find out if you can buddy up with a class at the school to send over art, newsletters, questions, concerns etc. This will allow the children to develop a range of skills putting the package together, while getting first hand information about school life from their pen pals.

Tips and ideas to get children connected with the school before they start going to build confidence and knowledge