

# How to prepare your child for starting St. Brendan's Primary School



Let them help with jobs around the house to encourage independence.



Encourage them to open their own snacks.



Teach them to put on and take off their own jacket and teach them how to zip it up.



Teach them how to take off and put on their shoes.



Give them simple instructions to follow to promote listening skills.

Practise using cutlery when you're eating at home.

Help them to recognise their name by making a sign for their room so they are used to seeing it.

Ensure all belongings are clearly labelled.

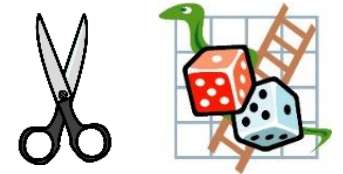
Practise taking off and putting on P.E. kit.



Talk about the letters and the sounds that they make.



Practise recognising colours.



Make sure they can go to the toilet independently.

Show them how to hold a pencil correctly.

Practise drawing pictures and colouring them in.

Play games and provide opportunities for turn taking.

Make sure they know how to wash their hands correctly.

Help them to practise writing their first name with only the first letter as a capital.

Practise using scissors safely.