

Starting school: Helping your child to be independent and confident



Please note that this list contains our recommended skills for school readiness, however we appreciate that all children are at different starting points and may not be ready to achieve all these skills as yet. Please use this as a guide but do not worry if your child is still working on a skill in September. Take a look at our 'Starting Acorn's Reception' section on the school website for useful tips about developing these skills.

Recognise their name (step 1)	
Write the first letter of their name (step 2)	
Copy their name (step 3)	
Write their name (step 4)	

Take off and put on their socks	
Recognise the features of their shoes and know where to find their name inside them	
Put on their shoes	
Fasten their shoes	

Use the toilet by themselves (wiping and then flushing)	
Wash and dry their hands	

Recognise the features (colour/pattern) of their coat and where to find their name	
Find the loop in their coat and use this to hang their coat on a peg	
Put on their coat	
Fasten their coat	

Open and close their book bag	
Put a picture, letter or picture book carefully inside their book bag	

Hold a knife and fork	
Use a knife and fork	