

# GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

At Grove Wood Primary School we are committed to work with local preschools to ensure your child is ready to start school in September. As you have just completed your school application and are waiting to hear which school your child will be attending in September we have put together a list of things all schools will be hoping most children will be able to do when they start in a reception class in September.

Many parents / carers perceive getting their children ready for school by teaching them to recognise letters / numbers and write their name. As a reception team we feel it is far more valuable for children to be able to carry out simple tasks with greater independence. This list would include children being able to:

- Put on and fasten their coat
- Put on and fasten their shoes
- Get dressed and undressed independently
- Sit, listen and respond to a short story
- Follow two part instructions e.g. put on your coat and pick up your bag
- Eat using cutlery and if possible try and cut up their own food
- Manage their own toileting, including wiping their bottom
- Play a game knowing how to take turns and the principles behind winning and losing
- Hold a short conversation with other adults and their peers, listening to and responding to what others are saying
- Join in with familiar nursery rhymes e.g. Incy Wincy Spider

Although the above list may seem daunting and your child may not be able to achieve many of these at the moment we hope by making this list available to you now it will give you time to work on these things over the coming months.

We fully appreciate the demands on modern families and that time is often at a premium but by trying to make your child 'school ready' and independent their transition to school will be much smoother.

Yours Sincerely

The Reception Team