

10 Top Tips for Starting School

A cartoon rabbit character with grey fur, large round glasses, and a red sweater with a black backpack. The rabbit is smiling and giving two thumbs up. A yellow pencil is tucked into its mouth. The character is set against a light blue circular background.

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**Year R teachers and pre-school staff have put together
Ten Top Tips for starting school, to help your child develop
key skills ready for Year R in September.**

Don't worry if your child does not have these skills yet – they can develop them over time. This list is just some ways you can help them prepare during the summer before school starts.

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1 I am independent:
I can put on my coat,
go to the toilet, wash
my hands and blow my
nose all on my own. I can
eat my packed lunch by
myself, even undoing
the wrappers!

2 I can run, jump,
climb and move
around confidently

3 I can confidently
communicate and make
my needs known to
other people

4 I can join in with
activities and sing
rhymes and songs

5 I can listen and take
turns in a conversation

6 I can share books and
talk about the pictures
and storylines

7 I can draw and make
marks with pencils,
crayons and pens and use
scissors safely

8 I can concentrate on
something that interests
me and carry out an
activity

9 I can take turns and
share with other people

10 I am excited, curious
and enthusiastic about
learning in my new
school!