



School Readiness at Swavesey Primary School

'Teach me to do it myself'

Please support your child by helping them to develop the following skills before starting school.

Communication and language

- Self-confidence to express emotions
- Communicate using full sentences
- During larger group activities, use 'hands up' to communicate/ wait your turn to speak
- Use indoor voices indoors. Shouting voices are for outside play!

Responsibility for own belongings

- Hang up cardigans, jumpers, coats etc on pegs
- Keep hats and gloves on peg or in pockets
- Carry own belongings to and from school

Maths

- Recognise numbers to 10
- Count to 10
- Match some numerals (number) to a quantity
- Count items one at a time accurately
- Make patterns and sequences with colours, shapes, teddies etc.

Personal hygiene

- Blow your own nose and dispose of tissues
- Undress and dress yourself, including buttons, tights etc.
- Do up own shoes. If laces are tricky, please choose Velcro shoes.
- Put coats on and take off, including zips, buttons etc.

Literacy

- Recognise first name and surname
- Hear initial sounds in words "c is for cat"
- Hold a pencil correctly.
- If a child is beginning to write letters, forming them correctly is really important. Once children have practised incorrectly, this is a very tricky habit to change.
- To know the alphabet
- Know that we read and write from left to right



Toileting

- Wipe yourself
- Flush the toilet
- Wash hands with soap
- Dry hands with paper towel and dispose in bin or use hand drier
- Ask to use the toilet (T sign if desperate!)

Eating

- Hold cutlery correctly and safely
- Use cutlery to cut up my food
- Be able to open lunch box and wrappers
- Feed myself
- Choose my own lunch
- Try new foods and remember what you like and dislike when ordering in future

Listening and attention

- Follow class and school rules
- Take turns
- Listen to and follow instructions.