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As your child takes their first steps towards starting school, it is important to make sure that they are fully prepared to meet the expectations of the school.

Here are a few questions which may help you recognise if there are any areas to focus on with your child to give them the best possible start .

Can your child...

1. Form a simple sentence which expresses their needs?
2. Take themselves to the toilet and understand basic hygiene?
3. Eat with a knife and fork?
4. Listen, carry out simple instructions and take part in short activities?
5. Hold a pencil and make meaningful marks?
6. Recognise their name and make themselves understood when they talk to adults?
7. Put on and take off their own coat and shoes?
8. Use the words PLEASE and THANK YOU?
9. Understand the words STOP and NO?
10. Consider the needs of other children?



Top tips to ensure your child is ready for school

Here are a few great tips which will help you and your child achieve the level of behaviour and skills that will be expected from the school.

1. Ask your child to tell you what they need, make eye contact with them and listen carefully to what they say
2. Encourage your child to take themselves to the toilet, use toilet roll and always wash their hands
3. Help your child to cut up their food and then show them how to eat food off a plate holding a knife and fork properly
4. Turn the TV off when reading or playing with your child to help them concentrate and consider rewarding good behaviour
5. Support your child to hold a pencil or crayon and teach them the letters in their name so that they can write it themselves
6. Spend time talking to your child and ask them questions which prompt a response
7. Allow your child to put on their own shoes and coat and to take them off and put them away
8. Remind your child to say PLEASE and THANK YOU to encourage good manners
9. Clearly explain to your child the importance of listening to the words STOP and NO and explain that it is for their own safety as well as the safety of others
10. Help your child to understand the needs of other children by encouraging them to share and be aware of other people's feelings

Need more support?

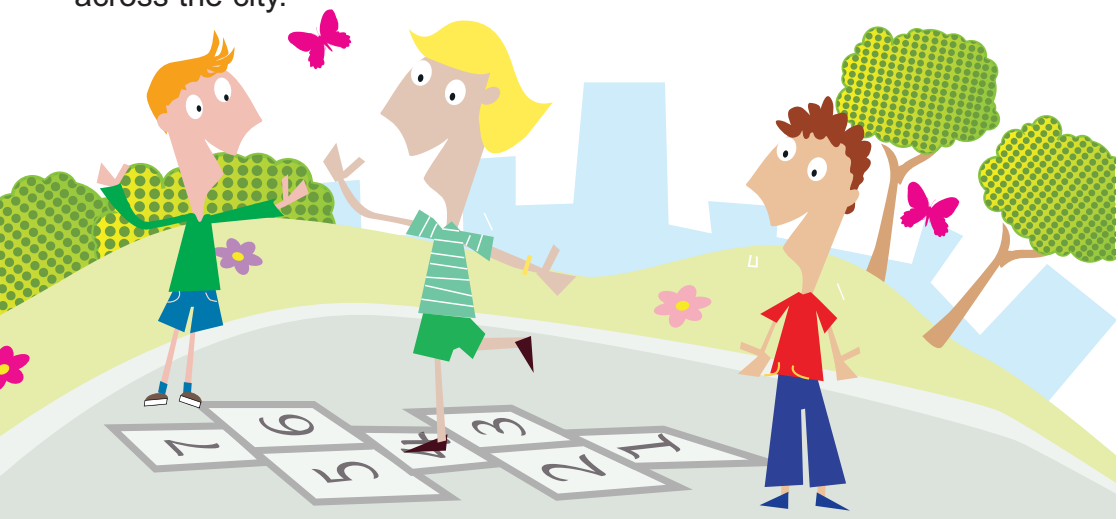
If you have further questions or need any support with helping to prepare your child for school, please speak to your early education provider or contact the Family Information Service on:

- Telephone: 01482 318 318
- Email: fis@hullcc.gov.uk
- Website: www.hullcc.gov.uk/fis

You can also download a free copy of the 'What to expect, when? A parents' guide' by Foundation Years on the web address below:

www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/03/what-to-expect-when-a-parents-guide/

The Hull City Council's 'Is your child ready for school?' list has been compiled by Early Years practitioners and teachers across the city.



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