

## Information for parents regarding school:

- You will get an invite to parents evening each year.
- Your child cannot be refused if they are still wearing nappies and not toilet trained.
- If your child has an accident, your child may get a slip or sticker sent home with them to make you aware, unless a bumped head then you will get a phone call.
- School hours are set
- Your child will be in greater ratio's.
- They can no longer wear their own clothes.
- They may be able to come home for lunch, stay packed lunch or stay hot dinners.

**'Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding.'**

**Robert John Meehan**



## School Readiness

At Little Acorns, the children are given freedom and the opportunity to explore and investigate using first hand experiences. By allowing children to follow their own interests means their desire to learn is greater.

Our staff are highly trained and identify 100's of teachable moments everyday. With staff on hand to encourage, prompt, model, praise and support, children will then start to show interest in the things school require of them.

All children are individuals and all learn and develop at their own pace. Its not a race about who can read or write first, but it's the journey they take that is important.

***'Tell me I forget, teach me and I remember; Involve me and I learn.'* Benjamin Franklin**

As a setting, we are often asked....  
'Do we prepare our children for school?'  
The short answer is 'yes' of course we do.

But the big question is how?

- ♦ We provide them with a variety of books and story sacks all day every day to encourage them to re-tell stories and make their own up.  
**This helps them to read and write.**
- ♦ We enable them to make predications, test idea's and theories.  
**This helps with their maths skills.**
- ♦ We support them in becoming social, independent children.  
**This helps them adjust to school life and meet new people.**
- ♦ We listen to them and let them know they have a voice.  
**This makes them confident to ask questions, make mistakes and keep tackling problems.**
- ♦ We encourage curiosity in the world around them.  
**This keeps the desire to learn alive.**

We, love, care, support and guide your children to become who they want to be.



You and your child are about to embark on the next chapter of your lives.  
It is a time of mixed emotions for both of you.

Top tips for helping your child settle into school.

- Engage with their feelings. Talk to them and let them know that it is ok to feel scared, worried and anxious.
- Let them know that everything will be ok.
- Talk about your own experiences and about when you went to school.
- Talk to your child about their day. Ask them about their favourite things to do at school.
- Talk about their friends.
- **Be happy.** Don't show your own nerves in front of your child. Your child will pick up on this. If you are happy they will feel more confident.

And lastly..... Enjoy the journey together!

