

# Understanding Readiness for School



Try to look at each child's readiness in all areas of development.

<h2>Independence</h2>	<h2>Social Skills</h2>
<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• attempting to dress themselves?</li> <li>• verbalising their needs?</li> <li>• toileting themselves?</li> <li>• following a routine?</li> <li>• being responsible for their own belongings?</li> <li>• following 2-3 instructions to complete a task?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• socialising with other children?</li> <li>• sharing and taking turns?</li> <li>• playing group games?</li> <li>• using basic problem solving strategies?</li> </ul>
<h2>Resilience</h2>	<h2>Language Development</h2>
<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• expressing their thoughts and needs?</li> <li>• working through conflicts with friends?</li> <li>• using strategies to deal with emotional situations?</li> <li>• solving problems themselves?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• having conversations with children and adults?</li> <li>• understood by other children and adults when talking?</li> <li>• asking questions?</li> <li>• comprehending sentences and instructions?</li> <li>• playing with words, singing songs and rhymes?</li> <li>• recognising signs and logos in the community?</li> </ul>
<h2>Reading</h2>	<h2>Writing</h2>
<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• showing an interest in reading?</li> <li>• attempting to recognise their own name?</li> <li>• asking to be read to?</li> <li>• listening, comprehending and retelling what is happening in stories and pictures?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• showing an interest in making marks on paper?</li> <li>• attempting to hold a pencil correctly?</li> <li>• showing an interest in letters and how to write them?</li> </ul>
<h2>Co-ordination</h2>	<h2>Mathematical Awareness</h2>
<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• showing an interest in threading, building with blocks, cutting, doing puzzles, drawing and using play dough?</li> <li>• able to walk and use stairs without tripping?</li> <li>• engaging in physical activities such as climbing, skipping, jumping, running, throwing and catching a ball?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Is the child:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• showing an interest in playing with numbers, counting, sorting, labelling and naming shapes?</li> <li>• indentifying colours?</li> <li>• using concepts such as above, below, inside, outside, in, out, on, up and down?</li> </ul>