

## **Preparing your child for school**

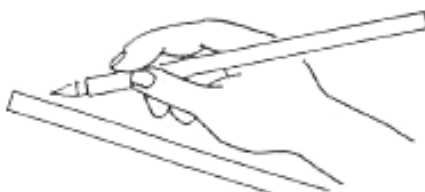
The following suggestions will help to make your child's start at school happy and successful.

### **To aid independence, your child should:**

1. Be able to dress, undress (coats, jumpers, shoes, socks, t-shirts, shorts) and recognise labels on own clothes
2. Cope with buttons and zips
3. Go to the toilet and wash hands unaided
4. Blow nose and use a handkerchief or tissue

### **Preparation for school work – Your child should;**

1. Enjoy looking at books and listening to stories
2. Speak clearly, ask questions and be able to tell adults their needs
3. Know lots of nursery rhymes and songs
4. Practise colouring and drawing using pencils, crayons and felt pens – always ensure your child is using the correct grip.



5. Use scissors and glue
6. Recognise and name basic colours – red, blue, green, yellow, orange, black and white
7. Play counting games with numbers up to 10