
We are really looking forward to your child starting school at the Bythams and hope that this little leaflet helps you and your child as they begin this new part of their journey. If you are ever worried or just want to ask something please call the school and we will be happy to help.



A little note for parents—
As parents ourselves we know that this is a crucial time for you as your little boy or girl grows up.
We want you to know that we will look after them and care for them to help them on their journey as they start 'big school'.

Every one of the children is unique and special and we will treat them that way, and help them to settle in to the next chapter in their lives.
So when you say goodbye to them try not to let those tears show until your little ones can't see them .
Thank you

Bythams Primary School



How can I help my child to be ready for school?



Things to think about...

The most important thing when your child first starts school is that they feel happy and settled. We know that this is a big step for parents and children. The more that we can both work together to help them with this transition time from nursery to home the better for them. So here are a few things that you can do to help.

- Try to encourage your child to dress and undress themselves in the morning and at night without help. This will really help them with P.E. times
- Try to encourage your child to eat with a knife and fork and try to cut up their own food.
- Let your child try to cut out magazine pictures or the Argos catalogue to help with their cutting skills.
- Encourage your child to have a go at writing their name on their own, even if it doesn't look like their name at the moment it's important that they have a go at using a pencil or pen!
- Try to encourage your child to be able to go to the toilet on their own at home and be able to look after their own hygiene independently.
- Help your child to become aware of numbers around them, e.g. play I spy a number on the door or count the stairs as you go to bed.
- Help your child to understand that when you leave them at school it will only be for a short time AND YOU WILL BE BACK!!!
- In Reception it is the end of the Early years foundation stage so it is just like nursery especially at the beginning of the year.