

SCHOOL READINESS - RECEPTION



When your child comes to school, they need to have a number of skills in place, which will mean that they are able to learn.

At St Michael's CE Primary School, we expect children entering Reception to ...

- Be ready to be separated from their parent/carer.
- Be able to demonstrate listening skills; sit still, listen, show interest and pay attention to a subject or stimulus,
- Have enough language to be able to express themselves if they need something; talk in sentences and use an extending vocabulary.
- Be able to communicate something about what makes them who they are, such as name, age and something about their family or relevant factors in their life.
- Understand the word 'no' and the boundaries it sets.
- Understand the word 'stop' and that this might be used to prevent danger.
- Be able to interact with an adult and/ or a peer e.g., during play to be able to take turns and take some responsibility for their actions.
- Be able to focus on and show interest in their work and the world around them.
- Make observations, notice things and ask questions.
- Be able to open and enjoy a book
- Recognise numbers and quantities in the everyday environment
- Be able to take risks.

- Be independent with self-care skills; to be able to take off coat and put on shoes/ to be toilet trained and able to visit the toilet alone.
- Eat a meal or snack unaided and identify and enjoy healthy foods.
- Be resilient and ready to take part.
- Be confidently active and have a good level of physical activity

Don't worry if your child cannot do them all by September; it's not a competition.

However, by being able to do some, or all, of these things, will really help them make that big step.