Transition to school

Visit the school at least once prior to your child starting.

Arrange at least one classroom visit. Familiarise your child with the cloak bay, toilets and playground.

If your child is to walk to school, familiarise him/her with the route. Point out the safety hazards.

Talk to your child about where you will pick him/her up from school. Arrive before the bell.

Name all clothing items. Name schoolbags on the inside.

Lunchboxes should be sturdy and easily opened.

School bags should be large and easily opened.

Encourage your child to put on their uniform by him/herself. Teach your child to tie laces.

Encourage your child to take responsibility for his/her own possessions. Encourage independence at home and at school.

Check your child's book bag for notices and homework every day.

Establish a homework routine - 10 minutes is long enough. Make it a sharing time.

All money that comes to school to be in an envelope or wrapped in paper with your child's name, room number and purpose.

Encourage your child to recognise and write his/her name, know letter names and sounds, count to 10 or more and know the basic shapes and colours.