

Reception Readiness

at Barrow School

Parents often ask us what their child needs to be able to do before they start school. Below is a list of statements, outlining some of the key skills and attributes desirable upon entering Reception class. This is just a guide and we believe every child is unique and they all learn at different rates.

Self care.

I know when to wash my hands.
I can wipe my nose.
I can ask for help if I don't feel well.
I can use a knife and fork.

Getting dressed and undressed on my own.

I can button and unbutton my shirt and use a zip.
I can put my own shoes and socks on.
I can change in to my PE kits and put on my coat.

Independence

I am happy to be away from my mummy, daddy or main carer.
I am feeling confident about starting school.
I am happy to tidy my belongings and look after my things.

Routines

I have practiced putting on my uniform and getting ready to leave on time.
I have a good bedtime routine and I am not feeling tired for school.

Listening and understanding

I am to sit still and listen for a short while.
I can follow instructions.
I understand the need to follow rules.



Getting ready for school.

Going to the toilet

I can go to the toilet on my own, wipe myself properly and flush.
I can wash and dry my hands without help.

Counting skills

I enjoy practising counting objects.
I like saying number rhymes and playing counting games.
I can recognise some numbers when they are written down.

Interest in the world and new activities.

I enjoy learning about the world around me.
I am interested in exploring new activities or environments.
I like asking questions.

Speaking and Literacy

I like to read stories and look at picture books
I am able to talk about myself, my needs and feelings.
I am practising recognising my name when it is written down.

Writing skills

I like tracing patterns and colouring in.
I enjoy making marks
I am practising holding a pencil.