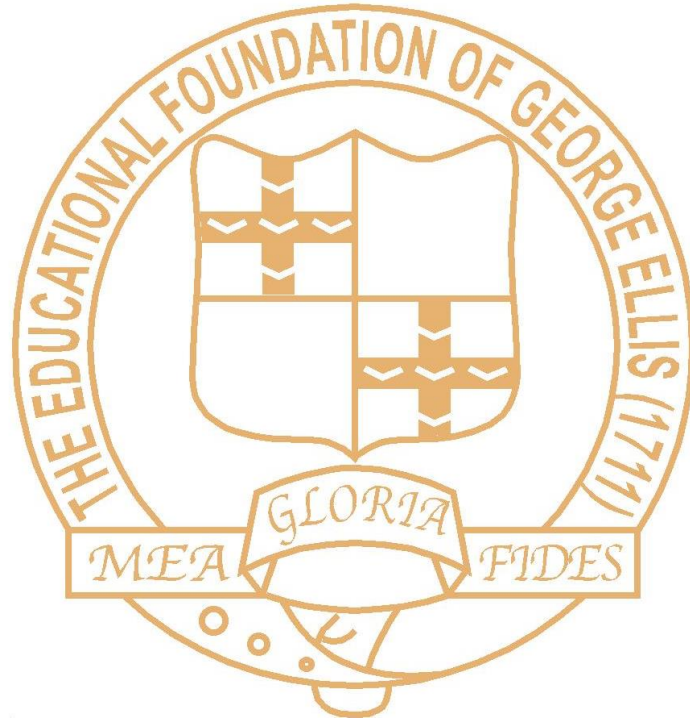


# Welcome to The Ellis



A parent's guide to starting school



Your child is going to school soon!  
It's time to start thinking about how  
to prepare them for this special  
event.

This booklet offers ideas and advice  
about how to prepare your child for  
starting in Reception.

Please remember that whilst we do  
expect you to encourage your child  
to work on the skills suggested in  
this booklet, we do understand that  
not all children will be able to  
achieve *all* of these  
recommendations.



# Preparation for starting school

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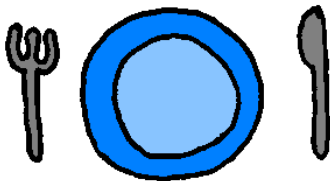
Fasten buttons and zips independently;



Put on socks and fasten velcro shoes on their own;

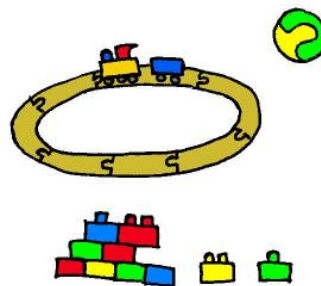


Dress themselves e.g. put on shirts, jumpers, trousers, skirts, pants, etc. on their own;



Begin to use a knife and fork when eating;

Tidy away their toys at home, as they will be expected to do this in school.



Recognise their own name. This will help them to find their peg label or items of clothing with their name in.

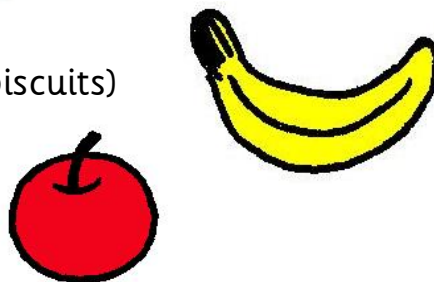
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Encourage them to:

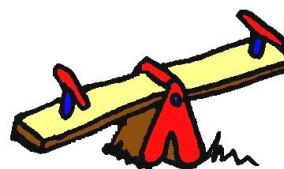
Drink water (not pop or juice)



Eat healthy fruit snacks. (Instead of biscuits)



Share and take turns with other children,



Use the toilet on their own, wipe their own bottom and wash their hands afterwards.



Hold a pencil using thumb and first two fingers when drawing or writing;

Practise using scissors to cut paper.

