TIP 5



Get Ready For School!

Waking up early every day can be a big change for both you and your child. As the start of Primary 1 gets closer, it's a good time to practise the full morning routine together.

The night before, pack your child's bag and lay out their uniform. Talk through what the next school day might look like.

In the morning, make sure your child has enough time to wash up, eat breakfast, and get ready without rushing.

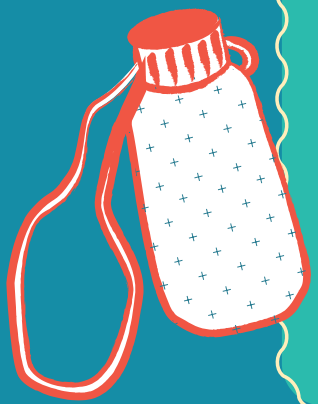
Practise this routine in the days before school starts, so everyone is calm and prepared when the real day arrives.

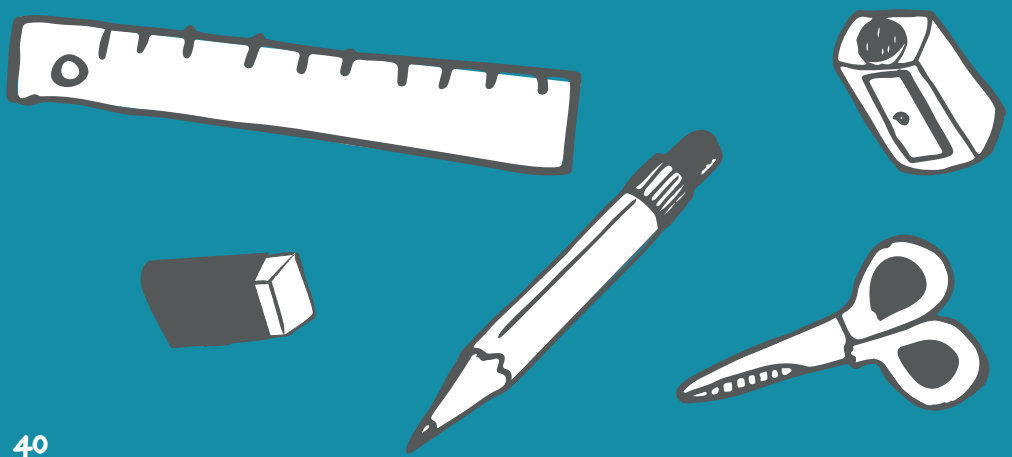
Which Schoolbag to Get?

Tips for Choosing and Packing a Schoolbag.

What Bag Should I Get?

- **Right Size:** Should fit A4-sized items and not be too big or heavy
- **Compartments:** Helps keep things organised
- **Child-Friendly Design:** Easy for your child to open/close; they should like how it looks
- **No Trolley Bags:** They're heavy and hard to manage on stairs
- **Sturdy Over Fancy:** It should last and be practical — brand or ergonomic designs are not necessary





Scan for cheat sheet on packing for P1

Let's Pack

Help your child build the good habit of packing their bag the evening before the school day. Talk about what they need each day and how to check that everything is ready.

When they're familiar with the routine, let them try packing on their own. It's a great way to build confidence and independence.



What should you bring to school every day?

- ☐ My pencil case
- ☐ School diary
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____



How to pack smart:

- Check the timetable
- Arrange items from heaviest to lightest

Being Organised

Help your child take better care of their belongings by getting them to label their pencils, rulers, and books. This can be a fun activity that feeds into the excitement of starting primary school.

Use the drawings on this page to try out different colours and styles.



My Schoolbag!



Draw your bag and the items inside.

Travelling between home and school

Talk your child through the route, pointing out the pick-up and drop-off points as well as landmarks along the way.



On Foot

- Who will take you to school?
- Where should you wait to be picked up after school?
- What should you bring on a rainy day?
- How do we cross the road safely at zebra crossings and traffic lights?





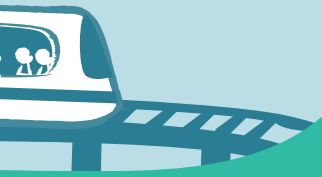
On the School Bus

- Where should you wait for the bus in the mornings?
- Where should you wait for the bus after school?
- What do you do if you can't find the bus?
- What will you say to the driver when you board and get off the bus?



By Public Transport

- Who will go with you?
- How do you get to the bus stop/ train station?
- Which bus/ train will you take?
- Where will you get off?
- How do you use the EZ-Link card?
- What do you do if your EZ-Link card runs out of money?



By Car

- Where should you sit in the car?
- Where does your school bag go?
- Who will take you to school?
- Where should you wait to be picked up after school?
- Who should you call if the car hasn't arrived?



Do a practise run before school starts!

Practise the Journey to School

Walk or take the bus or train with your child, showing them stations, bus stops, traffic lights, and shops along the way. Then get them to draw it out in the space below.

This will help them remember the route and feel confident when school starts.



Home



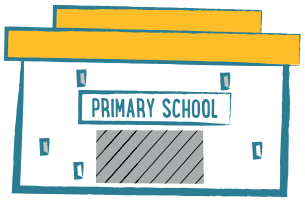


Help your child to draw their route to school between two fixed points: Home and School.



What did you see on your way to school? Draw it here!





School



Go Shopping!

Your child may need to buy items on their own at the bookstore.

Try role-playing to build their confidence. You can take the customer role first to show how it's done.

Use real money to make the practice feel more realistic and teach them to spend wisely.







Use the visual here to start your game.

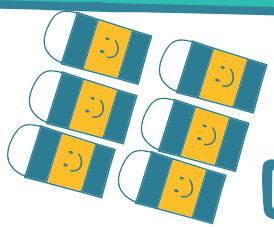
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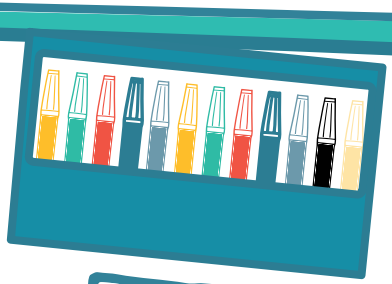
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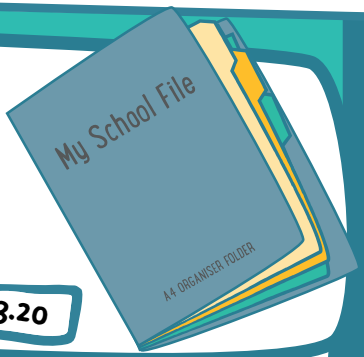
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Readiness check

What can your child do on their own? Ask them to show you and be rewarded with a special badge.



Well Done!

You've completed your kindergarten journey – and what a big step that is!

You've made friends, and discovered so much about the world and yourself. Now, you're getting ready for an exciting new adventure in primary school.



You've made it to Primary school. Tell us how you feel by scanning the QR code below!

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Let's celebrate this moment.

You've made it, and you're ready for what's next!

