



'Social' readiness for School

Starting school is a significant event in a child's life that includes the whole family. It's a big step up venturing out into the world just that little bit further. It's another level of independence for the child whilst at the same time, another level of letting go from the parents. We understand that this transition encompasses the whole family including siblings who may still be at home and/or older ones who are already at school.

During these very different times that we find ourselves in now with Covid-19, school and kinder have been quite different this year. Our Preps are having quite a unique experience for their first year of school but have adapted incredibly well with the support of our amazing staff to engage online and participate in activities.

And with Kindergarten children this year also being affected by closures, the usual experience that children would have had in regards to social interaction has been impacted.

At Toorak Primary we are keeping up to date with children's and staff's needs with so much change and as a result we are constantly adapting to meet recommended approaches and guidelines.

We understand that some families may be concerned about the 'school readiness' of your child at this time, so we have put together this document with ways you can be preparing your child from home. It is important to remember that every child develops at their own pace and showing readiness in ALL of these areas is not a 'requirement' as such. Every child has their own strengths and interests as well as their own temperament and approach to learning. If you do have particular concerns, talk to professionals who know your child, such as your early childhood educator or to your GP.



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How can you help get me ready for school?

Show me how to **care** for others and how to be **kind** with my words and actions.

Ask me lots of **questions** about what I think and how I feel. This will help me talk to teachers at school and to my new friends.

A game of High & Lows will help me practise **expressing** myself, **listening** to others & **waiting my turn**.



Remind me about **respecting** others and how I need to **respect myself**. And I need to remember to speak up when this is not happening.

Being **honest** is just about being myself. Encourage me to just *be me* so I can learn a lot and have heaps of fun!

Learning about **responsibility** means I understand that everything has an impact on everyone.

