

The Journey into Ballasalla School

As your child starts school there are some things you can do to support them and their independence. These are important to developing the prime areas of learning which will help your child settle and enjoy the exciting journey into school.



Being Independent

- Help your child to remember what their belongings look like and let them have a go at being responsible for carrying them into school and putting them away.
- Encourage your child to practice getting dressed independently.
- Let them practice doing up zips or buttons on coats.
- Support them in putting shoes on the right feet and practicing how to fasten them up.
- Let them have a go at swapping from their school shoes into their wellies.



Eating

- At meal times practice using a knife and fork.
- Let your child have a go at opening their lunch and / or snack box, and the packets inside.
- Support your child in peeling their own fruit.
- Encourage your child to wash and dry their own hands.
- Let your child help put the dishes away and put their rubbish in the bin.



Love of Books

- Share books with your child every day.
- Encourage a love of stories and show them how to look after their books.
- Ask them questions about the story, familiar characters and get them to join in with words they remember.
- Look at the pictures together and play games of I Spy.
- Pretend to be characters in the story and put on silly voices.

We will offer more ideas for support with the specific areas of learning once your child has settled into school life. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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