



Starting big school is an anxious time for both your child and yourselves. However it is never to early to help them to get ready.

Schools invite children and their parents for visits giving you all the opportunity to meet the teacher and find out what the school day consists off.

By attending pre-school your child already has some idea of what school will be like, making friends, taking part in activities and having fun.

Attending the pre-schools lunch club can support your child in understanding how lunch works and what is involved

Talk to your child about how they might be feeling, tell them how exciting lunch will be with their old and new friends



Teach them to hand wash correctly, washing both side of their hands and between the fingers.

Encourage them to take away any worries or concerns to a grown up.

Let them practice opening packets, and yogurts at home, peel bananas and oranges.

Encourage them to try different foods at home

Put plastic spoons in the lunch box (as these often get lost)

If you cut their crusts off at home do the same for school

Don not overload their lunch boxes in fear of them being hungry (it could put them off, or they will miss break as they are still eating)

## LUNCH BOXES

Take your child to choose their school lunch box, giving them some independence (make sure it is labelled clearly)

Choose a sports type bottle for their water or juice that they can open and close

Support your child to recognise their name (remember there could be a few lunch boxes that are the same)

## LUNCH POLICIES

CHECK THE POLICY ON THE SCHOOL PACKED LUNCHES

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOLS POLICY IN WHAT IT ENCOURAGES AND THE SORTS OF FOODS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED.

