

## Let's Get Ready for School Part 2

# I enjoy playing and exploring new things

Is your child confident to explore the fun, exciting and unfamiliar experiences of school?



### Go with the flow

Give your child time to engage in activities and process what they are seeing/feeling. Talk to them about their interests. Let them take the lead.

### Ask questions

Develop your child's confidence in expressing themselves by encouraging them to ask questions. You don't need to know the answer! You can find it out together.

Ask your child open ended questions- questions that can't be answered with yes or no and don't have a right or wrong answer.

Examples include:

Can you tell me about what you've made?

How are these the same?

Why do you think that happened?



### Go for a walk

Talk about what you can see, hear, smell, taste and feel. Can you collect some items to take home? Help to expand your child's interest in new things and extend their language.



### Useful websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/getting-outdoors>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/play>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/look-say-sing-play/>



## Let's Get Ready for School Part 3

# I enjoy books

Does your child enjoy looking at books?  
Do they get opportunities to listen to  
you read? Are they curious about books?



### Steps to Success



### Picture Books

Picture books are highly valuable in developing children's enjoyment of books. The bright illustrations make them fun to read and allow the child to develop their own understanding of story structure without worrying about reading text. Can your child tell a story just from the pictures?



### Bedtime stories

Reading together is a time to connect and comfort your child. Bedtime stories help your child relax ready for sleep. It's also a perfect opportunity for you to spark a love for reading.



### Build up their vocabulary

Use pictures to start building vocabulary. Talk with your child about what the pictures show. Ask them to point to things as you say them. Use opportunities in everyday life. Build vocabulary and listening skills by talking through what you're seeing and doing while cooking, driving or visiting new places.



### Useful websites

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/the-toddler-club-sharing-stories-tips/zxbw7yc>
- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/parent-support/reading-your-child/>