

## Before the big day... make sure you...

- Buy your child a school book bag at the end of the Summer Term.
- Buy your child's uniform after checking what the school policy says about where to buy it.
- Ensure **everything** is labelled with their name.
- Check out the start date for your child
- Check the start and pick-up times on the first day.
- Check which school entrance to take your child to and the way into the school grounds.
- Share any concerns you might have about your child starting at the school or their settling in with their new class teacher.
- Talk about school in a positive way during the school holidays. Look on the school website for a photo of the child's class teacher and use their name when talking about them.
- Visit the school for informal open events being held by the school.

## Helping My Child to Have a Successful Start in the Reception Class at Firle CEP School



# What Parents/Carers can do to help their child.....

## Getting on with others....

- Talk to your child about friendships and feelings.
- When reading stories talk to them about the feelings of the characters.
- Have friends over to play or take them to groups with other children.



## Listening and attention....

- Read stories with your child daily.
- Give them simple instructions to follow
- Play games with them e.g. Snap, Pairs & board games

## Looking after myself....

- Give them time to try and get dressed by themselves.
- Support them to be toilet trained the start of school.
- Help them to learn how to use a knife and fork.
- Talk to them about healthy choices with food and drink.
- Encourage independence



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## Speaking clearly

- Sing Nursery rhymes every day.
- Use interesting words with your child.
- Have daily conversations without the distraction of TV, phones or iPads etc.



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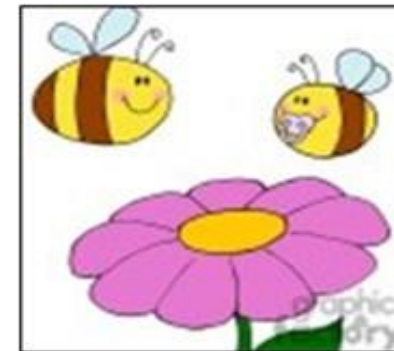
### Being active.....

- Make sure they get a chance to run, skip, dance and jump and be active every day.
- Try to enable them to have messy play as often as possible e.g. playdough, painting, etc.



### Love to learn....

- Find out what your child is interested in and show interest yourself.
- Do counting activities every day in practical, everyday contexts e.g. shopping, laying the table, sharing or climbing the stairs
- Go outside and explore their world - go at their pace - do not rush.
- Have fun and laugh!



**If you have any questions please speak to the class teacher.**

