

TWO MINUTE TOOLBOX



Transition from Home/Nursery to School

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Top Ten Tips for Parents

- Talk about the exciting times ahead when your child starts at Merton Court – take time to make your child feel “grown-up”;
- Familiarise your child with Merton Court, if you can’t make it to our Tiny Tots and Toddlers sessions have a look at the website where there is an abundance of photographs of school;
- Encourage your child’s independence in the run up to joining school – it may be quicker and easier to help them put their coat on but in the long run it won’t help them;
- Encourage family mealtimes (without phones or iPads) where everybody sits at the table together and engages in conversation;
- Use the menu on our school website to introduce your child to some of the food they may not be familiar with;
- Encourage your child to feed themselves at mealtimes with a spoon/knife and fork- it may be a slow process to start with, but they will get quicker;
- Make sure your child attends their taster session- this is also a great opportunity for you to ask the staff any questions you may have. We will also give you our direct phone number should you have any further queries prior to joining;
- If you have any queries regarding your child’s school uniform please phone us before they start – no question is too trivial;
- Talk to fellow parents – your child’s first day at school is far worse for you than it is for them. How about swapping phone numbers/email addresses?
- And finally, don’t forget to take that ‘My First Day at School’ photograph at home! Give clear and precise goodbyes, your children will be fine, any tears will swiftly subside to be taken over by fun!