

## Transition to School

At Harvey Bears we try and establish a smooth transition to 'big school'. We never recommend which school a parent should send their children to. We understand, and can point out to parents, the criteria they need to fulfil to ensure a place at a chosen school.

- We believe that all children learn and develop at different rates and encourage children to fulfil their potential.
- We encourage children to be toilet trained with the guidance of their parents. We never push them beyond their capabilities.
- We believe that the most important things for a child to develop, before transition to school, are confidence, resilience and independence.
- We encourage children to 'do things for themselves.' i.e. putting their coat, shoes and socks on, going to the toilet and washing their hands.
- We believe that in developing their personal, social and emotional skills this will provide a good foundation for formal learning.
- We try to encourage independence by making it fun.
- We encourage children to self-register, by recognising their names.
- We encourage simple activities to start them thinking about school.
- We complete transition forms to pass onto the school.
- We encourage parents to visit the schools and attend open mornings.
- We welcome reception teachers into our setting to meet the children they will be teaching.
- We are always sad to see children move on but love preparing them to be ready to move on.