

Top Tips for Starting Delamere

In preparation for starting at Delamere it would be great if you consider the following:

- My child has been familiarised with the toilet/potty eg they have sat on a potty, they are able to access to the toilet.
- My child has been given the opportunity to use cutlery and an open cup
- My child has been given the opportunity to play alongside another child.
- My child has been exposed to a wide variety of foods
- My child has been given the opportunity to walk holding the hand of an adult
- My child has been given the opportunity to make choices at home

What should I send in to school with my child?

- A spare set of clothes, including socks which are all labelled
- A puddlesuit/waterproof all in one and wellies
- A swimming kit which should include swim nappy, towel and costume
- A PE kit (Reception onwards)
- Nappies and wipes if your child requires them
- Any feeding or medical equipment that your child may need whilst in school
- If your child will only drink from a specific cup or bottle please send one in

What should my child wear to school?

- Your child can wear school uniform but it is not compulsory in Nursery. Some parents find that this is a good object of reference so that their child knows where they are going, especially if your child attends two settings.
- Clothes that are easy to take on and off eg joggers, leggings.
- Clothes that you don't mind getting messy! We do lots of sensory play and although we encourage children to wear aprons some find them uncomfortable.
- Nappies rather than pull ups-some children find being changed distressing and nappies are easier and quicker to remove.

What should I expect when my child first starts?

- We will start by building up positive relationships with your child
- We will spend lots of time observing your child in order to find out their interests, motivators, strengths and areas for development
- We will introduce your child to a wide range of high-quality resources, activities and experiences
- We will share information with you, such as class timetable, newsletter, communication strategies. You will be provided with a parent mail log on within the first couple of days of your child starting. You will also be provided with a log on for Evisense which is your child's learning journey.
- You will be invited to our 'Delamere Let's get started' parent group.