

Pre-school here I come!

10 skills I can practise over the summer to help me be ready for pre-school in September

1. I can recognise my photograph / name
2. I can find and put on my coat or jacket
3. I can find and put on my shoes
4. I can wipe my own bottom (if not in nappies)
5. I can pull up my own pants and trousers
6. I can wash my hands by myself and dry them
7. I can stop what I am doing when I hear 'stop' or my name is called
8. I can recognise my own lunchbox
9. I can undo the containers, cellophane, tin foil in my lunchbox
10. I can use a spoon independently and drink from an open cup



How can I help my child be ready for pre-school?

10 skills to help your child and Brambles staff ensure they spend quality time together

1. I have named my child's shoes and wellie boots that will be worn at Brambles
2. I have named my child's jackets, coats and tops that they will wear to Brambles
3. I have encouraged my child to dress themselves as much as possible
4. I have shown my child how to wipe their bottom (as staff are only able to offer verbal assistance as they do not go into the toilets with the children due to safeguarding. Not applicable to those in nappies)
5. I will provide clothes such as joggers, leggings, jumpers that help my child to be able to pull up and down and take on and off.
6. I have shown my child how to wash and dry their hands
7. I have played stop start games to help my child listen and stop when asked
8. I have put one small key ring on my child's lunch box so they know it's their lunch box. The lunchbox has a drinks holder that attaches on the side or goes inside.
9. I will help my child practise having lunch from their lunch box at home and pack an appropriate amount of food for them to eat within 45mins.
10. I will allow my child to feed themselves independently with a spoon and use an open cup



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What to wear?

Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others and to learn. Wearing appropriate clothing, correct fitting shoes along with having long hair tied back will very much support your child in exploring all areas safely.

For example:

Velcro shoes rather than shoelaces will stop your child from tripping up.

Shoes that fit correctly prevent falling over on our weekly walks and on the playground.

Joggers/leggings instead of skinny jeans and party dresses etc will help enormously with being able to go to the toilet independently and climbing on equipment safely.

Long hair to be tied back to stop it been caught in equipment, stray scissors cutting it, getting paint and glue in it or the possibility of catching nits.



Uniform is not compulsory but a uniform of sorts does save your home clothes!

For those who wish to wear branded uniform, it is available to purchase online from Orchard Clothing via the primary school website under school information.

You can equally get purple plain purple sweatshirts and purple/white polo shirts from supermarkets.

X *NO BELTS, BRACES or DUNGREES*

X *NO SHOELACES PLEASE*

X *NO PARTY DRESSES or BIG SKIRTS*

X *NO EXCESSIVELY BIG HAOR BANDS OR BOWS*



What to pack in a lunchbox?

Lunchtime is 11.30-12.30pm and the children will have up to 45mins to eat their packed lunch.

Please ensure your child has a small variety of three to four food items and the correct portion size for your child. E.g. sandwich/wrap, fruit/vegetables, cheese/yoghurt and one other item such as a small packet of crisps/penguin.

Children do have snack both in the morning and afternoon so do not need a banquet in their lunch box.

You can find some great lunchbox suggestions here:
www.henry.org.uk/packedlunches



- X** *NO Peanut butter or items containing nuts*
- X** *NO Sweets*
- X** *NO fizzy drinks*



Communication

Please do speak to the member of staff on the gate at drop off / collection time if you need to share any information.

If your child has had an accident outside of pre-school, please do tell the member of staff on the gate as you will need to complete a pre-existing injury form. Likewise, if your child needs to take prescribed medication whilst at Brambles, you will need to complete a medication form.

We do not have communication diaries or online systems for daily feedback but staff will speak to you if required. Likewise if you would like to speak to a member of staff please wait until the end of the queue.

Weekly, there is a Brambles Facebook update along with a half termly email. Parents Consultations in Oct and Feb plus end of year reports in July. Notice board opposite Brambles entrance gate for PTA news and general reminders.



There is no one in the Brambles office to pick up calls or emails between 9-12.30pm

If your child is absent please email:

Brambles@Brampton.Cambs.sch.co.uk or leave a message on the voice mail before 9am 01480 375063 option 2

Absences

Regular attendance at pre-school is important for the learning and development of your child.

If your child is off for any reason please contact Brambles on the email or phone number below.

You can take your family holiday, have a home day or if your child is unwell you **MUST** inform Brambles otherwise a member of staff will contact you due to safeguarding to make sure everything is alright and to make sure your child is safe and well.

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Even when you're very small, good attendance makes a BIG difference

A small, cartoonish illustration of a snail with a brown shell and a pink body, positioned to the right of the main text.

Is your child missing out?

A photograph showing a group of children sitting around a table, engaged in an activity. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

Good attendance can help your child:

- Make friends and learn social skills
- Build good habits for school and future learning
- Play, learn and have fun
- Develop in all areas

A photograph showing a group of children sitting on the floor, playing with toys. The photo is tilted slightly to the right.

Don't let your child miss out – make the most of your place!

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Dropping off and Collecting your child



Start of the pre-school day by:

Arrive Brambles on time; the door opens at 9am.

Whilst waiting for the gate to open, read messages on the outdoor notice board.

Give your child a big hug and a kiss and say goodbye at the gate

Encourage your child to go through the gate and put their lunch box on the trolley (if they have one).

Your child will go in to the classroom independently to a member of staff will support them.



For those who start at 11:30am or 12:30pm arrive at the Brambles garden gate on time.

Big hug and a kiss and say goodbye at the gate

Your child will carry their own coat and lunch box (if they have one) into the classroom.

Relay any messages to the member of staff who is at the gate.

If your child finds it difficult to leave you at the gate for any reason, please wait until all other children have entered the classroom to enable a member of staff to come and support you and your child.

End of the pre-school day by:

Doors open at 11.30am, 12.30pm and 3pm (depending on when your child goes home.) Please be at the Brambles garden gate on time.

If any letters are sent home, they will be in your child's lunchbox or in their hand.

It has been evident that if the odd parent/relative stays, it can upset those that initially had been happy to come in independently. It also makes it harder for the child to say goodbye once they have settled and the whole process has to start again, which in turn upsets your child and potentially others too. Therefore families are not able to come into the classroom or outside area.

Staff will always contact you if your child isn't settling and then will work with you and your child over the coming weeks to help them settle. Please remember, all staff are parents themselves and know how you feel!

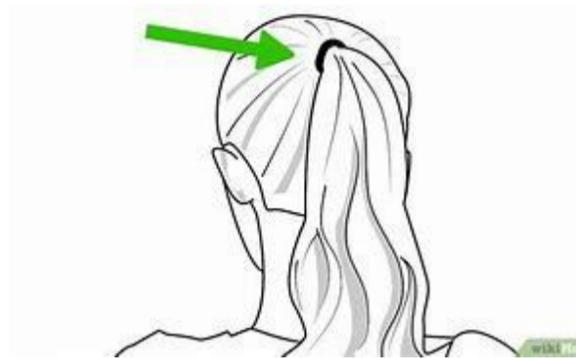
Am I pre-school ready today?



Why not use this handy visual to help you support your child be pre-school ready each time you come to Brambles?



Dressed in appropriate clothing



Long hair tied back



Coat/jacket/waterproof (regardless of the weather)



Sensible shoes for the weather (no wellies for indoor use)



Lunchbox (If staying for lunch)



Leave toys at home, in the buggy or car