

Pointers to School Readiness

If you are uncertain of your child's readiness to commence school please discuss this matter with your Kindergarten Director or in consultation with the Principal/Assistant Principal.

If children are able to do most of these things

- 1. Are happy in childcare/kindergarten and enjoys his/her time away from home.
- 2. Speak in clear sentences and can be understood.
- 3. Know their name, and how old they are.
- 4. Can identify their name from a short list.
- 5. Is able to hold pens and pencils and is beginning to show an interest in drawing shapes and letters.
- 6. Is beginning to count small groups of objects.
- 7. Draws recognizable objects and likes talking about his/her drawing.
- 8. Can remember songs and stories and retell or sing them.
- 9. Enjoys books and demonstrates interest in words and illustrations.
- 10. Can follow 2 or 3 simple instructions without distraction.
- 11. Can find their belongings and look after them.
- 12. Knows when they need to go to the toilet and are able to tell an adult.
- 13. Responds to rules and usually remembers them.
- 14. Gets on well with other children, respecting their feelings and wishes.
- 15. Gives and receives friendship.

then children are usually happy and successful at school.