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Getting ready for the first day of school



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About this Easy Read



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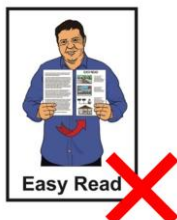


This Easy Read is about what will happen as your child gets ready for their first day at school.



This **website** has more information about getting your child ready for their first day at school:

<https://tinyurl.com/4uyv7j8n>



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You can also watch this **video** to learn more about getting your child ready for their first day at school:

<https://tinyurl.com/46kzm69e>

Enrolling your child in a school



In Aotearoa New Zealand children can start school after they turn 5.



They must start school by the time they turn 6.

You need to **enrol** your child in the school you want them to go to.

Name	_____
Address	_____ _____ _____
Phone Number	_____

Enrol means you sign your child up to go to the school.



Most schools have a website.

You can use the website to enrol your child in the school.



You can use this **website** to find a school for your child:

<https://tinyurl.com/mwb7wttd>



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School visits



The school will invite your child to come for **school visits** after you have enrolled them.



A **school visit** is a chance for your child to spend a few hours at the school before they start school.

School visits support your child to get used to going to school.



School visits normally happen just before your child turns 5.



On the school visit someone will show your child where to:

- hang their bag
- put their:
 - lunchbox
 - drink bottle
- play at playtime
- have a drink
- sit to eat lunch.



Someone will also show your child where the toilets are.



On the school visit your child will join in with the things the class is doing.



Your child might be tired:

- after their school visits
- when they first start school.



As your child gets used to going to school they will stop being so tired.



Most children enjoy going to school.



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