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Preparing for the first day of school NZC

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Starting school is an exciting time for both you and your child. Before they start school, your child may participate in school visits.

What you can expect on school visits

Find out what you can expect to happen when your child starts their school visits.

Watch the video: <https://vimeo.com/1069425517?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci> or shortened url: <https://tinyurl.com/46kzm69e>

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In New Zealand children can start school between their fifth and sixth birthdays. This may start with an online enrolment.

Usually just before their fifth birthday, they will be invited to pre-entry visits at the school | kura of your choice, usually the local school | kura.

These visits introduce your child | tamaiti to the school | kura environment.

To foster independence, they will be shown a number of things.

- Where to hang their bag.
- Where to put their lunchbox and drink bottle.
- Where the toilets are.
- Where to play at playtime.
- Where to have a drink, and
- where to sit for lunch.

During the visit, your child | tamaiti will participate in the classroom learning activities, rich in literacy and maths.

School | kura routines may be tiring at first but in this environment your child | tamaiti will thrive.

Points to remember

In New Zealand, children can start school between their fifth and sixth birthdays.

This may start with an online enrolment, usually just before their fifth birthday.

First you contact with a school in your zone. Then they will invite you to pre-entry visits.

During the visit, your child will take part in classroom learning activities.

It will be tiring at first!

More information

Find a school on Education Counts:

<https://tinyurl.com/mwb7wttd>

For more information, visit

<https://www.education.govt.nz/parents-and-caregivers/schools-year-0-13/parent-portal/guide-for-the-new-zealand-curriculum-years-0-to-8/first-6-months-at-school/preparing-for-the-first-day-of-school> or shortened url: <https://tinyurl.com/4uyv7j8n>

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