

EDUCATION GETTING TO NURSERY/SCHOOL
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TIMED DAILY ROUTINES FOR MORNING INFORMATION SHEET

The concept of time can be difficult for children to understand, because it is so abstract.

A sense of time is learned gradually as children live their lives and mark various events e.g., birthdays, school holidays, weekends, bedtimes, lunchtimes, etc. As they experience the world of people and things, their concept of time becomes part of their everyday lives. It can be difficult for children to understand how much time daily tasks may take. For example, when thinking of how much time it would take to get ready for high school in the morning, one child gave the following details

Morning Task	Time Taken
Get up	7.30am
Get dressed	7.30am - 7.32am
Have breakfast	7.32am - 7.34am
Watch TV	7.34am - 7.45am
Go for the bus	7.45am - 7.50am
Get to school	8.55am

But do they.....

- Get washed?
- Brush their hair?
- Brush teeth?
- Have they prepared for school the night before?
- Is their bag packed and ready to pick up before running out of the front door?

If not, their routines may need to be changed. Nobody likes to have to run around in the morning, trying to remember what they are doing that day and having to find books and equipment for school at the last minute.

IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Getting Ready for School

Take time now, to think about how long it takes you to get ready for school. Perhaps have one day where you can write down how long it takes to do all the tasks you have to do in the morning, from the time you get up, to the time you leave the house for school. How long does it take you to get to school? I bet it takes longer than you think! Use the table below to list the tasks.

Morning Task	Time Taken

1. How did you do?
2. Did it take you longer than you thought to get ready in the morning?
3. What helps you to get ready in the morning?

Do you plan ahead, or do you leave everything until the last minute or, do you hope that someone else will do it all for you?

When you go to high school you will have more subjects to study, which will mean that you will have more books and equipment to pack and carry to school, and you will have more homework to do. So planning ahead is very important.

Remember

[Good Planning] + [Organisation] = [Less Stress]



Planning Your Morning Routine for School

If you found the 1st activity difficult it might be helpful to think about exactly what you have to do in the mornings before you go to school.

The list underneath shows the kinds of things you might have to do.

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	Have a shower
	Wash hair
	Get dried
	Put on deodorant
	Get dressed
	Have breakfast
	Wash and dry the plate/bowl/mug and then put them away
	Clean teeth
	Brush/comb hair
	Check school diary and make sure you've packed everything for today
	Take packed lunch out of fridge and put in your bag or put school dinner money in your bag
	Make sure that you have your keys, money, bags and mobile phone with you
	Put on coat, shoes, hat/gloves etc
	Leave home, close and lock the front door

Either by yourself, with a family member or a teacher, write down all of the tasks you have to do before you go to school. You can use the template below. It might be a good idea to laminate the template and you can use it on a daily basis with a dry wipe marker pen.

