Mein Kind kommt in die Schule
My child is starting school

A guide for parents and children

Parents – partners with the school
Dear parents,

Your child is starting school. You may be asking yourself: what does this mean for us as parents? This leaflet should answer your questions.

As the parents, you are the school’s most important partners in your child’s educational journey. This means providing ongoing support, from helping to pack their school bag and providing healthy snacks to asking about and helping with homework. And this necessitates regular communication with the teachers about your child’s learning progress. You are also invited to get involved with other parents on the class’s parent body.

**School and parents together: we all want the best for your child. The more we communicate, the more we are likely to achieve this.**

I would like to wish you a good start to school life with your child!

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Tip 1: Look at the **timetable** and be aware of the different subjects

Tip 2: Give your child **something healthy to eat and drink during the breaks**

Tip 3: Check that your child has done his/her **homework** and help if necessary

Tip 4: Obtain the necessary **school supplies** and replace items as necessary

Tip 5: Help your child keep his/her **school bag** organized

You've got music tomorrow. Where's your music folder?

I still need three HB pencils. Can we buy them in the supermarket afterwards?

What do you want to take to drink?

You're doing really well at reading. Can you show me your sums book when you've finished?

Let's take out the full exercise book - you can leave it at home.
Tip 6: Make use of the school’s full-day programme

Tip 8: If your child is ill, let the school know immediately

Tip 7: Go to parents’ evenings and, if possible, get actively involved

Tip 9: Go to the parent-teacher conference and discuss your child’s learning progress

Tip 10: Ask your child for any communications from the school, read them and comply with any requests

Tuesday is my favourite day because I’ve got drum club in the afternoon!

Tina has a cough and a temperature. She can’t come to school today.

I’ll put the permission slip for the school excursion in the envelope. Remember to hand it in.

Do you feel you need more help with your sums?

What numbers should they be able to work with by the end of the school year?