

# Colouring Checklists Information

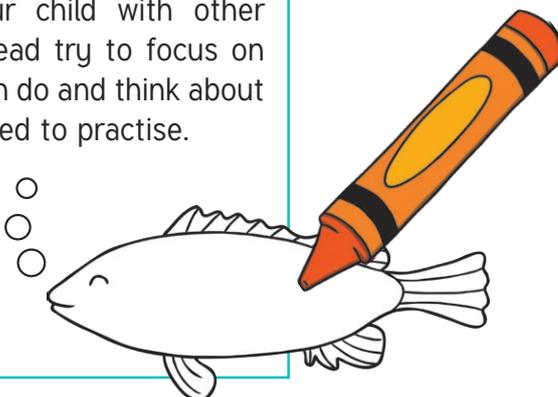
As a parent or carer, you will want to make sure that your child is ready to start school, this is sometimes called 'school readiness'. School readiness means that your child is equipped with important skills to do some tasks independently, be happy with a group of children and adults and be able to play and learn.

Your child's teacher will always be on hand to help, but your child will also feel a huge sense of achievement if they are able to do simple tasks by themselves.

## How Do I Use the Colouring Checklists?

These fun Colouring Checklists are intended for you to use at home with your child. Look through the different skills together and talk about the things that your child can do. You may need to explain some of the skills in a way that your child will understand. For example, when thinking about carefully listening to and following instructions, you might like to explain how they could show this at home. You might ask, "When I ask you to tidy away your toys into the toy boxes, can you do it?"

For each skill that your child can do confidently, they can colour that part of the picture in. Please remember that all children are different and will learn to do each skill at different times. Try not to compare your child with other children, instead try to focus on what they can do and think about what they need to practise.



## When Should We Fill in the Checklists?

This fun activity can be done at any time before your child starts school. You may wish to just do a little bit at a time and revisit it a few times over the summer holidays. Has your child managed to achieve a skill that they previously found difficult? Celebrate their successes and look to see what they could work towards next.

Look at the things your child can already do and then think about the things that they can almost do. These skills can then become your child's new challenges to work towards.

It is important to remember that many children will not be able to do every skill confidently before they begin school. Children can continue to work on these skills once they have started school.

When your child starts school, they might like to take their Colouring Checklist in to school and share their achievements with their new teacher.



These Colouring Checklists will provide you with lots of ideas for preparing your child for school. They are a fun activity that will celebrate your child's achievements and highlight areas that you could work on together.