



Welcome to Kindergarten @ LLV



How to Get Ready for Big School!

Before starting school, Village Educators strongly recommended that Kindergarten families do the following before the first day of school:

- Get your child's hearing and sight checked.

Some preschools complete these health checks as part of their getting ready for school program. If this is the case for your child there is no need to get this rechecked. This is an important health screener as hearing and sight is vital when learning how to read and being able to identify the different sounds letters make when learning the alphabet and how to spell words.

- Complete a Speech Screener with a Speech Therapist.

A speech screener helps detect any language barriers that could impede a student's ability to communicate or learn how to read and/or write. On the 29th of January, All Communication Matters (an external provider) will be running a speech screener clinic at LLV. Parents are welcome to access this service (or another external provider) by completing the attached form and sending it to All Communication Matters.

- Lots of Play!

We encourage each family to do lots of fun activities that help develop fine motor skills, hand eye coordination, developing hand muscles and creativity! Suggestions include playing with playdoh, playing in the dirt, learning how to skip, doing lots of puzzles and cutting out pictures!

- Read lots of picture books together

Spending time reading picture books to your child is not only special but it helps children develop their vocabulary and understanding of how to read books.

- Complete the countdown to school activity calendar.



What does my child need to bring and wear to school on their first day?

At LLV, students can choose to wear their own play clothes or to wear some of our multiform options. Comfort and safety are what should drive this choice. Students also need to wear enclosed shoes such as sneakers or joggers. Safety and sun protection are important factors in choosing the right clothes to learn in.

On their first day students need to bring the following items in their backpacks.

- ✓ Morning tea
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Lunchbox
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ A spare set of clothing, including underpants (This will be kept at the bottom of their bag)

Please ensure all items, including your child's backpack are labelled

Kindergarten's First Day at the Village

On their first day at LLV, Kindergarten students will meet their Educators in the front playground at 9.30am. Educators will bring our new villagers up to the front playground at 3.00pm to be picked up early. This will allow our new students to settle into the Village and get used to their new going home routines.

During the day, Kindergarten students will have lots of fun meeting the other students of the Hub, learning their new daily routines and doing lots of creative and play based activities!



Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment is a state-wide assessment that helps show teachers the literacy and numeracy skills of each student at the beginning of Kindergarten. This helps teachers to plan learning experiences that best meet the learning needs of every child. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the LLV educators to get to know your child in a one to one environment.

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment will take place at school on one of our Kindergarten non-instructional days (29th January and the 1st and 2nd of February). We anticipate the assessment will take approximately 40 minutes. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, an Educator will meet you and your child at the gate at the Kiss and Drop stairs. Once the assessment has been completed the Educator will bring your child to meet you at the gate. Each family will receive a letter at the beginning of December with your child's Best Start assessment day and time,



How does LLV support their youngest villagers in the playground?

At LLV we will support Kindergarten students to make new friendships and engage in positive play on the playground. We will buddy up our new students to help introduce them to LLV, form peer relationships and initiate play. By buddying our new Kindergarten students we can support their social skill development, turn taking, verbal communication, empathy and collaboration with peers.

