



Dear M2 Parents,

Your child is about to enter into the wonderful world of Primary school. Whilst great adventures await the children, this can be a daunting change for parents.

We have had some transition mornings together where we explored the Primary side of school and discussed what to expect. My current class has been hard at work writing letters to the M2 students with some information about P1.

There are also some things that you can do at home to prepare your child for this important stage in his/her life during the summer break which you will find on the next page.

Another big change for the children is not having the assistance of our beloved assistant, Ahlam, therefore there is more importance needed from your side relating to your child's autonomy before beginning P1. Trust your child and encourage him/her in a positive, happy manner to "do it alone".

The safety of the children is extremely important. Please inform me as soon as possible if your child is unable to come to school, or is being picked up by someone other than a parent. Communication is the key and helps to ensure your child is able to thrive within their new environment.

Finally, enjoy your child's last few moments in Kindergarten, and have a lovely summer break.

**Kind regards,
Ms. Hynes**

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How To Support Your Child

English: Support your child with your choice of the English section by ensuring your child is **absorbing as much English as possible**, not only during the summer break, but throughout the entire year. Reading, audiobooks, music and cartoons are great.

- It is also important to regularly hold conversations in English with your child, and explain why you chose the English section.

- **Always, always speak positively about the English language and our English section.**

- Remember that our school is not a language school, but an education in English.

Independence: Encourage your child to dress and undress alone, mastering the opening and closing of zippers, buttons and shoes. Please keep in mind that if your child is wearing laced shoes, it is of the assumption that your child knows how to tie their own shoe laces. If this is not the case, please ensure your child is wearing Velcro shoes (this is especially important as we venture up and down stairs multiple times each day).

Language 2: Discuss this with your child. Always be positive and encouraging when discussing L2, and explain your reasons for choosing either French or German.

Maths: Encourage counting as much as possible. Keep it fun. (Getting groceries? I need 5 onions and 10 carrots. Can you help me please? Now how many vegetables do we have in total?)

- Games: Play board games that require the use of dice.

- Work regularly on writing numbers (with special focus on number formation!)

Autonomy: Work on autonomy by having your child prepare his/her own bag to go to the pool or to a friend's house for example.

Pencil Grip: Practice holding a pencil every day to write, draw and colour. Pay special attention to the pencil grip, and do not hesitate to correct their position to ensure a proper, appropriate grip. If your child wishes to continue writing, certainly encourage this by continuing the work initiated by the M2 teacher such as stretching the word and writing sound by sound phonetically.