

Smoothing the Transition into Pre-School

In collaboration with Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong

Starting pre-school is a big step for children and their parents and some may have mixed emotions about making this transition. Below are some helpful suggestions:

- **Read books** about starting pre-school and talk to your child regularly about what to expect.
- **Visit the pre-school in advance** so your child feels more comfortable and familiar with the new environment.
- **Use imaginative play** to make a game out of going to school, so your child can practice saying goodbye each day and moving confidently into the classroom.

Also, teach your child self-help skills like going to the toilet, washing his/her hands, tying shoelaces, taking off his/her coat, hanging his/her bag, and so on.

- **Develop a consistent routine** at drop off and be confident when saying goodbye, so that your child can settle more easily into class.

Staff at Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong appreciate that this important milestone can be a little daunting. With some thoughtful preparation in advance, children can focus on exploring, discovering, making new friendships and most importantly, having fun during this new phase.



Malvern College Pre-School Hong Kong (MCPS) offers an educationally harnessed play programme based on the U.K.'s Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework for children aged 2 to 5. MCPS's new campus, Malvern College Pre-School Island West, is located in Sai Ying Pun and opened in August 2019.

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