

## Ready, Steady, Mount Charles School!



At Mount Charles, we **motivate** and **celebrate** the **success** of all pupils at our school. We want our children and families to be ready and enthusiastic to start our school with confidence and happiness.

## A ready child...

- \* I can follow simple instructions
- \* I can recognise my name
- \* I can use the toilet independently
- \* I can put on and zip up my coat
- \* I join in games and activities with others
- \* I can ask for help
- \* I am happy to talk about things that interest me
- \* I can hold a pencil to draw
- \* I am learning to write my name
- \* I am learning to say and count numbers to ten
- \* I can use a knife, fork and spoon
- I am learning to dress/undress myself —this will help me
  change for PE
- I am willing to have a go and keep on trying when I find something difficult
- I am able to concentrate on something or an activity for a short period of time
- \* I can separate from my grown-up without distress

## A ready family...

- We share books and enjoy reading together
- \* We sing songs and rhymes
- \* We explore letters and numbers together
- We get creative by painting and drawing
- \* We arrange play interactions with friends
- We talk together, promoting early language development
- We engage in activities to help build concentration levels
- \* We attend the local library for group sessions and to borrow books
- We explore the world around us by going on outdoor adventures
- \* We talk about our feelings and emotions together
- \* We build a love of life long learning together

## A ready school...

- We develop strong links with families to ensure a smooth transition for all children
- We build trusting relationships with children and families
- \* We arrange a home visit to get to know each child and family in a familiar environment
- \* We will visit your child's pre school setting and liaise with their familiar adults
- \* We demonstrate high expectations for each child through providing challenge, promoting resilience and raising aspirations
- We find regular opportunities to meet with families to share information about their child
- \* We create a safe environment which builds upon each child's enthusiasm for learning

