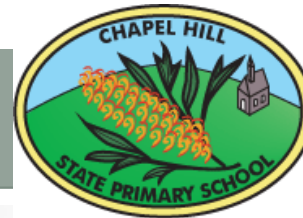


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Orientation Session Transitioning to Prep 2021

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Session 3



For the adults!

Session 1: Welcome - Working Together – Getting Ready

- Principal's welcome to our school community
- P&C Welcome
- Helping Hands

Session 2: Transitioning to school – Part 1

- Making the transition easier for children, parents and teachers
- Ready to Learn – what really counts?

Session 3: Transitioning to school – Part 2

- Social Skills & Friendships
- Coping with change

Session 4: The Prep Curriculum – What can you expect?

- What concepts will my child learn and how will they learn

Social skills are important!



Learning to manage feelings and to relate well with other children and adults is the foundation for doing well at school and later working life.

Learning about friendships...

•Talk with your child about how other people feel, and help them to talk about their own feelings.



Learning about friendships...

- Give them ideas about what to say to start joining in.



Learning about friendships...

Teach your child to first

- Stop
- Wait
- Listen

And then offer to join in.



Learning about friendships...

**Help your child
change their
behaviour if it gets in
the way of making
friends.**



Learning about friendships...

**Support your child to
broaden their
friendship group.**



Learning about friendships...

Set up a 'play date' –

- *Keep it short & sweet*
- *Keep it small*



Learning about friendships...

**Almost all children
have times when
they feel they
have no-one to
play with.**



*Making friends isn't a
magic trick.*

*It's something we learn.
Something we can help
our children learn.*

How to Help Your Child Cope With Change Positively



Starting school involves a big change for your child as they settle into a new environment and begin forming relationships with peers and school staff.

Starting School – Video Series

‘Coping Skills for Children’



*Learning with
curiosity,
creativity and
purpose!*

**Final Session:
Thursday 26
November, 2020**