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# TIPS FOR:

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD ON THE CLASSROOM VISIT DAYS . . .

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### BEFORE STARTING . . .

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- We encouraged our child to connect with the other kids in our street so when he started he knew some familiar faces
- We came up to the school during the weekends and had a look around, and a play on the playground
- Our child was involved in choosing her own schoolbag and we went to the uniform shop together to get the uniform
- Pre-arranged dates and times to get second hand uniform items

### HOW DID YOU EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT DAYS?

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- That this would be his new class and that we could meet the kids and teachers at Hillsborough School
- To see what sorts of things school kids did
- Reassured him that it would be a short period of time through to morning tea

### WHAT DID YOU BRING?

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- Morning tea so she could have lunch with the other kids
- His backpack so he could hang it on a hook and know where to put it
- A book for me to read when I left her in the class and sat outside
- She was keen to wear her school uniform, so I purchased it before the visit

### HOW DID YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

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- I stayed close to her in the classroom
- My husband and I split the visits, 1 each time. We sat in the class with him for a while, then moved to the back of the class, then outside. He knew we were there to support him if he needed us.
- After each visit we did something special so she could talk to me about what it was like and ask questions