

Preparing Confident Learners for Primary School

At Teddy Bear Cottage, we believe school readiness is about more than just learning letters and numbers — it's about nurturing confident, capable, and curious children who are excited for their next big step. Our preschool environment is designed to support each child's transition to school with a balance of play-based learning, social development, and age-appropriate routines.

Through our interest-based curriculum, educators provide meaningful learning opportunities that help preschoolers develop independence, resilience, and a love of learning — key foundations for a successful school journey.

Building Skills for Life and Learning

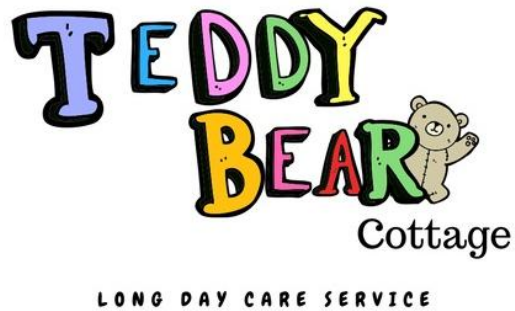
Our school readiness approach supports children across all areas of development:

- Literacy and Communication – through storytelling, group discussions, and phonics games
- Numeracy and Problem-Solving – through counting, measuring, and shape recognition in everyday play
- STEM Exploration – hands-on experiments and discovery-based learning
- Fine and Gross Motor Skills – strengthening pencil grip, scissor use, climbing, and movement play
- Creative Arts and Expression – music, dance, role-play, and visual art

Just as importantly, we focus on social and emotional development, encouraging children to:

- Build friendships
- Share and take turns
- Navigate challenges
- Develop empathy
- Solve conflicts respectfully

These vital skills are taught both through structured activities and spontaneous play, helping children to grow emotionally as well as academically.



Tailored Learning, Individual Growth

We know that every child is unique, which is why our school readiness program is flexible and responsive. Educators observe and document each child's strengths, challenges, and interests to personalise learning experiences that meet them right where they are.

Children are supported to build their independence through:

- Following routines
- Managing their belongings
- Practising self-help skills
- Making choices in their learning
- Expressing their thoughts and emotions

Working Together for a Smooth Transition

Our educators work closely with families and local primary schools to support a smooth, confident transition to school. We encourage families to participate in orientation visits, provide information about what to expect, and support children as they explore their future school environment.

We also provide mid-year and end-of-year assessments that highlight your child's readiness in key developmental areas and offer insight into how you can support the transition at home.

At Teddy Bear Cottage, we lay the groundwork for your child's next chapter — helping them feel confident, capable, and ready to embrace the adventure of big school.