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Welcome to Oropi School and your child's journey into school. We are here to support your child in having a successful transition. Please feel free to chat with us if you have any queries. Here are some pointers that may help your child have a smooth transition:

- The person doing the drop off needs to be brave! 'Fake it until you make it'.... If you are upset, your child will feed off you. Be strong (then cry in the car - it is normal to be emotional about your child starting school). Have a busy day planned on that first day! "Wobbles" at drop of may go on for a few weeks-this is normal.
- Make a plan for drop offs, then stick to it. Tell your child what the plan will be beforehand - then don't waver - follow through! Eg "I am going to take you into the class, read you a story, then Kiss you goodbye and leave you with Mrs Weston". Consistency is the Key, if your child is finding drop offs an emotional time.
- Buses: if possible (and we acknowledge that sometimes this is not possible), don't start your child on the bus until they are well settled into school. From experience, using the school bus in the early days of school is just one too many "new" things to get used to, and children can then be unhappy to come to school.
- It is normal for the adjustment to school to take some time. Initially they love school, but after a few weeks they may decide that actually Kindy/daycare is their preferred option. Refer to the first couple of bullet points if this happens!
- Attendance and routines are really important. In the first 3-4 weeks your child may be so tired that they need a day off. Long term, however, attending school regularly is important to establish good learning routines.
- Don't stress about academic stuff! Your child will learn! The first period at school, however, is all about making sure your child is happy and settled.
- Pack lots of spare clothes - we love messy play! At Oropi School we encourage exploration in our play-based environment. This means children are frequently dirty and wet. If you could label their clothes too we can make sure they head home to you!