

ROLE-PLAY SCHOOLS

WHY?	WOW WORDS!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To build confidence and self-esteem• To alleviate anxiety about starting school	School / teacher / children / register / story time / listening
WHAT?	
<p><u>Resource ideas:</u> - Include as many family members or friends as you can / a story book/ a pretend register (perhaps list some of your child's friends who will also be starting school at the same time)</p> <p><u>Ideas for play:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent takes on the role of the teacher (at least initially)...With a friendly positive tone of voice role-play with your child..."Good morning Freddie. How are you today? Would you like to hang your coat up over here on your peg?"• Register time "Everyone come and sit on the carpet please, ready for register. What lovely sitting Freddie - well done! Now, let's see who is here today..." Read out various familiar names. Children answer "Hello (teacher's name, if known)"• "Today we are going to...." Decide on whatever activity you and your child would like to do... Examples may include building bricks, play dough, painting, writing, reading stories etc...• "Now let's tidy up and come and sit on the carpet for story time...Wow - what amazing tidying up Freddie!" Read a story. <p>You could extend talk about school, but allow your child to steer the discussion. For example they may wish to talk about toilets or lunch or playtimes in the playground etc...</p>	