



## Waipu Primary - School Readiness Checklist

### 1. Self-Management & Independence

Check	Capability	Comments / Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Independent Toileting:</b> Can go, wipe, flush, and wash hands entirely unassisted.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>The Lunchbox Test:</b> Can open/close their own bag, drink bottle, and lunchbox containers.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Food Awareness:</b> Knows the difference between morning tea and lunch.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dressing:</b> Can put on and take off their own shoes, socks, and school jumper/jacket.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Belongings:</b> Recognises their own gear (named hat, shoes, bag) and can pack them away.	

### 2. Social & Emotional Readiness

Check	Capability	Comments / Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sharing &amp; Turns:</b> Can share toys and take turns with other children.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Separation:</b> Can say goodbye to parents/caregivers without prolonged distress.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Expressing Needs:</b> Can use words to say if they are hurt, sad, tired, or need a bathroom.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Boundaries:</b> Understands and responds to basic boundaries like "Stop" or "No".	

### 3. Communication & Group Learning

Check	Capability	Comments / Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Mat Time Focus:</b> Can sit and listen to a story/instruction for 10–15 minutes.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Two-Step Instructions:</b> Can follow a double command (e.g., "Get your hat and line up").	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Asking Help:</b> Has the confidence to ask a teacher for help when needed.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Clear Speech:</b> Can speak in simple sentences that an unfamiliar adult can understand.	

### 4. Foundational Knowledge

Check	Capability	Comments / Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Name Recognition:</b> Can visually spot their own written first name on a label or cubby.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Pencil Grip:</b> Can hold a pencil/crayon comfortably to draw or scribble.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Scissor Skills:</b> Can safely hold and use child-friendly scissors.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Basic Counting:</b> Can count a small group of objects up to 5.	

**A Quick Reminder:** Don't stress if your child hasn't ticked every single box yet! Children develop at wildly different rates, and New Entrant teachers are absolute experts at helping kids bridge these exact gaps during their first few weeks of school.

**Other notes and/or information which will help with transitioning to school:**