

Ready or Not

Creative activities to help families get ready together for starting school

Time for Tea

Kettle's Yard was the home of Jim and Helen Ede.

Jim and Helen collected artworks and objects that they found beautiful and invited people to visit and enjoy them. They would welcome guests with a cup of tea and sometimes even a slice of toast.

There are many artworks in the collection showing cups, bowls, jugs and plates by an artist called Ben Nicholson. Ben was good friends with Jim and Helen.



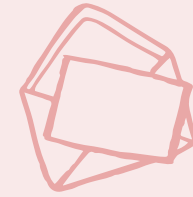
Ben Nicholson, 1930 (plate, cup and jug)
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At school you will meet lots of new people. How can you be friendly to your classmates and your teachers?
If you need help, who can you talk to in school?

1. Write invitations to a tea party

You will need:

- Paper
- Pencils
- Envelopes



Who do you want to invite to a tea party? (Guests could be family, friends or teddies!)

Draw invitations using paper and pencils.

Put the invitations inside envelopes, ready to hand out.

2. Host a tea party!

You will need:

- Paper plates
- Pencils
- Perhaps cups and a teapot or jug



Prepare the tea party by drawing food on the paper plates. What kind of food might guests like?

Set the table ready.

How will guests feel welcome?

Offer the plates around to everyone. What are the magic words we can say to be polite when offering the plates or taking food?

Together, tidy away at the end.

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