

A day to discover... SUPER SCHOOL!



Today your child will be learning about school – the importance of school to children around the world, and the similarities and differences to schools in Ireland. So, let's get started!

ACTIVITY 1: I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO...

What you'll need: paper and pen or pencil.

This activity will help your child think about the benefits of school. Draw on aspects of your discussions and exercises today to help your child build their list. Maybe share some of your own memories of school?



ACTIVITY 2: SCHOOL RUN BOARD GAME

What you'll need: printout of the board game itself, as well as scissors to cut out playing pieces. If you wrap the smaller pieces in clear sticky tape this will help protect them from damage.

As you play, make sure your child understands why the items they need are so important, in terms of ensuring their chosen child makes it to school.

See the following page for the rules.

ACTIVITY 3: YOU-NIFORM

What you'll need: paper and pens, as well as (optional) clothes from around your house for dress-up.

Encourage your child to be as creative as they like in designing their own amazing school uniform. They can even design outfits for teachers too, and a bike to get them to school. See what you can find from their closet – or yours! – to bring their designs to life.

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When it comes to helping break the cycle of poverty, education is absolutely vital – especially the education of girls and women. That's why ActionAid places a huge emphasis on improving access to education in some of the poorest countries around the world. The impact of this work is life-changing.

The children discussed in these activities are real. Some license has been used with their stories to help young people understand the challenges these children faced in real life.

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SCHOOL RUN!

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In this game, you're going to meet four children – Nyawoh, Millicent, Maria Natalia and Hein Min Soe. These children want to get to school, but they each have something different that is stopping them.

Will you help them get what they need? Join them on their School Run!

YOU WILL NEED:

- A printout of the game board - use two sheets and tape together
- Scissors
- An ordinary six-sided die
- Two to four players
- A character profile for each player
- Four playing pieces
- Four items, placed randomly on the path
- Four ActionAid cards, to help you overcome a problem.

HOW TO PLAY

Print the board and character profiles. Give a different profile to each player for them to read before the game starts. Each player should also take one 'Action-Aid' card.

When it is your turn, roll the die and move your piece around the board.

Each player should look at their character profile and identify the item their child needs. Pick this item up as you pass it, in order to complete your journey to school.

If you land on a 'barrier' square, either obey its instruction or 'break the barrier' by playing your Action-Aid card and continuing as normal next turn.

SPECIAL SQUARES



Your family can't afford two school uniforms, so only your big brother will go to school. Return 'Home' and start again.



You are needed on your family's farm. Miss two turns.



Flooding has blocked the path to school. Miss a turn waiting for the water to clear.



You fall ill and your family has no access to medical care. Roll a die and move backwards that number of spaces.



Your school building is in need of repairs. Wait here and roll each turn, but don't move until you roll an even number.

Take a closer look

If you and your child would like to look more closely at the issue of education, particularly for girls, and meet some of the children around the world who have been helped by ActionAid and our supporters, you can find this information here:

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SCHOOL RUN:

Characters & items

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Millicent



Bicycle



Maria Natalia



Food



Hein Min Soe



Books



Nyawoh



Backpack

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Break those barriers!

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