

Age appropriate chores for children

Always take into account your individual child's maturity and capabilities before assigning tasks.

Toddler (2-3yrs)

- Tidy away toys
- Unload the dishwasher - cutlery, plastic cups/dishes
- Dusting
- Putting dirty clothes in laundry bin
- Help to sort clothes into colour piles/load into wash machine
- Make bed
- Wipe down cupboard fronts/kickboards



Preschooler (4-5yrs)

All of the previous chores

- Load the dishwasher
- Vacuum sofa/chairs/cushions
- Lay table for meals
- Help to clear table after meals
- Wash dishes (with supervision)
- Match socks
- Fold tea towels
- Weed garden (with supervision)
- Water indoor plants
- Feed pets



Early Junior (6-8yrs)

All of the previous chores

- Help to prepare meals (wash vegetables, simple chopping)
- Wipe around bathroom; sinks, counters and toilets
- Hang laundry
- Vacuum
- Take out rubbish
- Fold laundry
- Clean microwave
- Rake leaves



Junior (9-11yrs)

All of the previous chores

- Make simple meals
- Put out wheelie bins
- Set washing machine/dryer
- Clean toilets
- Mop floors



Senior School (12-14yrs)

All of the previous chores

- Clean bath/shower
- Make full meals/meal plan
- Clean out fridge/freezer
- Supervise younger children's chores
- Mow the lawn (supervised)