LINC
LEADERSHIP FOR INCLUSION IN THE EARLY YEARS
CEANNAIREACHT DO CHUIMSIÚ SNA LUATHBHLIANTA

The LINC Programme is a higher education programme designed to promote the inclusion of all children in Early Childhood Settings across Ireland, for more information see www.lincprogramme.ie

OFF TO SCHOOL

Transitioning from the Early Learning and Care (ELC) Setting at Primary School

Skills:

- Putting on/off coat
- Putting shoes on/off
- Open lunchbox/drink/pencil case/school bag

Knowledge & Understanding:

- Teacher's name
- Two lunch breaks

Be Practical:

- Velcro shoes
- Easy to open lunchbox and drink
- Healthy lunches
- Early nights in bed

Language:

- It's not 'BIG SCHOOL'; this can be scary for the child. Use 'primary school'
- Let children express their emotions, and listen
- Don't impress your own fears or memories from school onto children

Collaborative Practice:

- Work in partnership with parents. This is a process of transition for parents also
- Transfer documentation with parental consent
- Inform the school of children strengths, interests and needs with parental consent

Experiences:

- School props in the ELC setting for children to play with/explore
  - School bag/pencil case/lunchbox/uniforms for dress up
- Books e.g. photo books of the primary school
- Stories about transitioning to primary school

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