



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