

Recommendations for Parents:

- Prepare a list of criteria for choosing a new school and a list of the desired outcomes for your child when they enter and then graduate from that school.
- Initiate the development of a transition plan for your child early in advance as to allow for all the decisions and adaptations to take place (begin at least one year in advance)
- Request a transition plan from both the former and the future school of your child and make sure there is continuity between them.
- Make sure you have a contact person in both schools from whom you can receive information about transition related procedures and other support needed.
- Make sure you know your role in the transition process and every other person involved is aware of their own role and related responsibilities in terms of time frame and expected results.
- Be collaborative and open to change
- Put your child's rights first, take into account your child's perspective
- Make sure your child's physical, academic, emotional and social needs are met during and after the transition process
- Keep in touch with other families whose children are also going through similar transition and with the families from your child's school



Transition Starter Kit

Transition from preschool to primary and primary to secondary school for children with additional learning support requirements can be a difficult process for both children and parents. In order to alleviate your anxiety and fears we have developed this Starter Kit to help facilitate your child's successful transition.

This kit is divided into two sections to prepare for transition
(1) recommendations for parents (2) recommendations for children

We hope that this leaflet can help you prepare for transition. For further information and tools around transition and inclusive education see www.fiesta-project.eu



Moving Schools – What to think about?



- Ask questions about your new school
- Make sure you are involved in choosing your new school
- Visit your new school and contact person
- Ask for school time table before school starts
- Ask for map of your school before school starts
- Talk about your feelings, about your last school and decide what way you want to say good bye
- Make sure you tell your family, teachers your fears and worries
- Express your interests and what your school can do for you

Further Information

This Starter Kit was adapted using the FIESTA Best Practice Report.

For further recommendations and tools see the FIESTA website www.fiesta-project.eu

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