



TRANSITION TO PRESCHOOL

Tipsheet 1

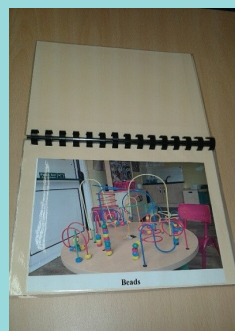
The transition to Preschool is one of the first major transitions many children coming into your service may face. To make this transition as positive as possible for children and their parent why not consider using Visual Portfolios of your service.

Visual Portfolios

A visual portfolio comprises of a picture folder showing the layout of your service such as the front entrance, toilets, coat hooks, all play area's within the indoor and outdoor environment, staff of the facility or in particular a key worker. The use of the portfolio prepares the child for the transition to the new environment.

You can make a visual portfolio for your service by:

Take relevant pictures, put name/description on each picture and laminate. You can tie the pictures together with string, treasure tags etc or you can bind into booklets (see pictures below)



A visual portfolio can be given to each child on enrolment to your service or if a child is finding it hard to settle in during the first weeks. The portfolio can be used at home to discuss preschool, what the child likes and does not like which will support a 'working in partnership with parent's' ethos.

(Link - Síolta Standard: 3 & 13 and Aistear theme: Well being)