

ENGAGING FAMILIES IN THE TRANSITION TO SCHOOL SESSIONS

TOP 5 TIPS



1 RELATIONAL

ALL RELEVANT SCHOOL MEMBERS ARE IN ATTENDANCE

Families like to know who the school leadership team are and who will be responsible for their children

CREATE A WELCOMING AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

First impressions are lasting memories, a welcoming environment can be felt as soon as families enter the school "It's amazing how a smile makes the difference"

COFFEE AND CHAT TIME

Conduct a "COFFEE & CHAT" time after the session to get to know families in an informal environment



LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Take the opportunity to use the session to;

gain information from the family so the school is ready for the child

to enhance the skills of families to support their child's learning

enable families & school staff to work in partnership and what that looks like in your school, rather than just providing information

2 DEVELOPMENTAL



3 LINKED TO LEARNING



ENSURE ALL INFORMATION IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO LEARNING THAT OCCURS IN THE CLASSROOM

additional information can be provided in other ways such as "shopfronts"



4 INTERACTIVE



We all get bored with being talked at constantly!

Use the opportunity to provide "hands on" sessions related to what the students will be learning when they are at school.



5 COLLABORATIVE

EDUCATORS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE BENEFITS OF COLLABORATIVE APPROACHES

Delivering Transition session activities where families and families or teacher and families work together assist everyone to; learn from one another improve understanding build stronger networks

