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**Ready Schools**

1. **Supporting smooth transitions introduction**
   This toolkit will support practitioners with the transition process from pre-school to the nursery/reception setting. The toolkit provides advice and strategies to ensure best practice is established.

2. **Reception class transition planner**
   An annual transition planner to help practitioners to plan for transition across a 12-month period.
   - Nursery class transition planner
   - PVI transition planner

3. **Transition Level of Need pathway and guidance**
   A document that highlights key dates, responsibilities and actions, to support the transition level of need processes.

4. **Tracked changes to criteria**
   A document outlining the changes made to the transition level of need criteria.

5. **Unique Child Transition Level of Need tool**
   A digital tool, which has been developed to collate information of barriers to learning, at the point of transition into school for individual children. Access the Transition Level of Need tool at [www.hertsforlearning.co.uk](http://www.hertsforlearning.co.uk)

   - **Unique Child Transition Level of Need criteria**
     A document to provide practitioners with criteria of potential barriers to transition. The rating indicates the type of support a child may need when they start school. This is to be used alongside the Transition Level of Need tool.

6. **Information sharing guidance, to support transition**
   This outlines how to share information between professionals (schools and PVI settings), in accordance with GDPR and EYFS Statutory Framework guidance.

7. **How to use the Unique Child Transition Level of Need tool – child-level**
   Guidance on how to complete the transition level of need tool when entering individual child data and how to collate and send appropriate information to individual schools.

8. **How to use the Unique Transition Level of Need tool – school-level information and submitting the overview**
   Guidance on how to collate the information received from the previous provider to support the analysis of levels of need and how to share the information with HfL/HCC.
9. **Advice for schools on children who have been cared for at home**
   A document to use when talking to new families to obtain appropriate information when their child has been cared for at home in order to complete the transition level of need tool.

10. **Information for school business managers**
    Guidance for school business managers on how to use the information received from feeder settings or being passed on to receiving schools.

11. **Transition guidance for governors**
    Guidance for governors to review and monitor transition procedures.

12. **Transition record (hard copy)**
    Current providers complete a transition record for every child moving to a new provider or class. On this version, practitioners are required to fill in details of attainment against the Early Years Outcomes to be sent directly to the receiving provider by post or personal delivery.

    **Transition record (digital copy)**
    Current providers complete a transition record for every child moving to a new provider or class. On this version, practitioners are required to fill in details of attainment against the Early Years Outcomes to be sent electronically through a secure email system. Find this document on www.hertsforlearning.co.uk.

13. **Transition Level of Need overview**
    A visual representation of the four transition levels of need.

14. **Transition level of need potential support for each criteria**
    A document to provide suggestions of support against all transition level of need criteria.

15. **Transition level of need potential support for each criteria within each level of need (Landscape)**
    A document to provide suggestions of support against transition level of need criteria where needs could require support across targeted, personalised and intensive needs.

16. **Transition Level of Need plan**
    A document to explain how all professionals and agencies working with the family should meet to support transition into school.

17. **Level of need support planner**
    A document to outline procedures in supporting smooth transitions for children identified as having varying levels of need at point of entry to school.

18. **Individual transition plan**
    A proforma of a plan which can be used to support individual children with transition into school.

19. **Cohort Planner to support Unique child level of need**
    A proforma of a plan which can be used to identify the levels of needs across a cohort.

20. **Transition audit**
    An audit tool for practitioners to use to reflect on their current transition processes and to adapt their practice where identified to support smooth transition for every child.
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A proforma for practitioners to use when carrying out visits to previous setting, to ensure pertinent information is gathered about the child and their family to support smooth transitions.  

35. **Information sharing sessions proforma**  
A document for schools to use when contacting feeder settings in regards to transition.  

36. **Guidance for creating the ‘This is my School’ booklet**  
A document that explains how to amend the ‘This is my School’ booklet. *(Document 57.1-57.12)*  

37. **Guidance of children's voice consultation**  
A guide to consulting with children and enabling practitioners to confidently use children's feedback to inform and adapt provision in response to their thoughts and ideas.  

38. **Children’s voice activities before transition**  
A selection of activities to evaluate how children are feeling about upcoming transitions and to measure how successful current transition are from a child's point of view.  

39. **Children’s voice activities after transition**  
A selection of activities to evaluate how children are feeling on completion of transitions and to measure how successful current transition are from a child's point of view.  

40. **Ready Steady Go - EAL**  
Guidance on ways to support transition for children with English as an additional language.  

41. **Ready Steady Go - PD**  
Guidance on ways to support children identified to have physical development needs.  

42. **Ready Steady Go - PSED**  
Guidance on ways to support children identified to have personal, social and emotional development needs.  

43. **Ready Steady Go - CL**  
Guidance on ways to support children identified to have communications and language needs.  

44. **Ready Steady Go - SEND**  
Guidance on ways to support children with special educational needs or disabilities.  

45. **I am starting school leaflet**  
A leaflet to share with parents/carers during the induction meeting, which outlines HCC guidance on school readiness.  

46. **Here I come booklet**  
A document to share with parents/carers during the induction meeting that outlines HCC guidance to school readiness.
47. **Parent guide to home visits**  
A document to provide parents/carers with information regarding home visits to be provided prior to the visit. Updated 2021

48. **Book list to support transition**  
A list of children's story books which can be included in the parent/carer pack. Updated 2021

49. **Take time to read (Nursery)**  
A document put together by the library service to provide to parents/carers. New 2021

50. **Take time to read (Reception)**  
A document put together by the library service to provide to parents/carers. New 2021

51. **This is me**  
A document for parents/carers to complete with their child and pass on to the school. *(Child contribution document 55.1)*

52. **My child's first day at school**  
A leaflet to give to parents/carers at the induction meeting providing them with information about the first day of school. Updated 2021

53. **Supporting your child's independence needs as they start school**  
A document to provide parents/carers with top tips for developing independence skills with their child. New 2021

54. **Transition supplement - links to useful documents**  
A document with useful links that can be shared with parents/carers to find out more information about their child’s development. New 2021

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55. **This is me**  
A document for children to complete by themselves and be added to parent/carer version. *(Document 51.1-51.5)* New 2021

56. **My first visit leaflet**  
An activity leaflet to be given to children on their first visit to the school. Updated 2021

57. **This is my school**  
A booklet for children to take home prior to starting the new setting which includes photos and information pertinent to them. *(Guidance document 36.1)* 57:1-57:12

58. **Transition activities**  
An activity leaflet to be shared with children and their parents/carers during their induction sessions for ideas of things to complete at home. Examples and resources need to be prepared by practitioners in advance and are detailed on the leaflet. Updated 2021

59. **Getting ready for school leaflet**  
A leaflet that is aimed at children and gives a range of practical activities for them to practise in the summer holiday to support them to be ready for school. 59:1

60. **Countdown to school**  
A leaflet that is aimed at children and gives a range of practical activities for them to practise in the summer holiday to support them to be ready for school. New 2021

61. **Before I start school**  
A document to give to children to help them prepare for their first day at school. New 2021