

Mo Scéal: Moving from Preschool to Primary

Information for parents/guardians

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Moving from preschool to primary school is an important and exciting time for children and their families. It can also feel a little scary. We can all work together to support children in this experience by helping them to be positive and confident about the move. Good relationships, including regular communication between your child's preschool, you, your child and the new primary school, will help with this. *Mo Scéal* is a report which your child's preschool can use to share useful information about his/her learning and development during the year before he/she goes to school. *Mo Scéal* means 'my story' and the report helps the preschool to tell your child's story – their likes, dislikes, interests, strengths and challenges. It provides a 'snapshot in time' of your child before he/she starts junior infants.

Mo Scéal has four sections

- **Section 1** is for the **preschool practitioner** to share information on your child's learning and development.
- **Section 2** is for you, **the parent/guardian**, to share information about your child that you think may be useful to the school.
- **Section 3** is for **your child**. He/she will be invited to draw a picture or to share a photograph with the school.
- **Section 4** asks for your **permission (consent)** to **share a copy** of your child's report with the **primary school**.

Section 4: Consent for sharing information with the primary school

As well as getting a copy of the *Mo Scéal* report to keep for yourself, you will be asked for your permission for the preschool to share a copy with your child's new primary school. You will also be asked if you are happy for the preschool and primary school to discuss the information in the report.

You will not have to make the decision about this until you have read the completed report on your child. The report will only travel to the school with your permission. If you have any questions or concerns about what is included, please talk to the preschool practitioner.