



## Useful information for parents/guardians to share with their child's new preschool.

There is no requirement for you as a parent/guardian to complete this information sheet but if you do, you can share it with your child's new preschool by giving it to their practitioner as they settle into preschool.

As a parent/guardian, you know your child best and have a lot of useful information to share with his/her new preschool. You know your child's likes and dislikes, special interests and activities they may find a little challenging. These nuggets of information will be useful to their new practitioner.

There are three questions which you may wish to respond to and here are sample answers to help you with this.

## What would you like your child's new preschool to know about him / her?

Sample answer:

*Filip is my first child. We moved to Ireland from Poland last year. He is a shy little boy who loves playing with dinosaurs. We speak Polish at home but I also speak English.*

## Have you any suggestions to help him/her settle into preschool?

Sample answer:

*He has a favourite T-Rex dinosaur teddy and bringing it to preschool would help. Having some books available in Polish as he loves listening to stories from his favourite books especially ones about dinosaurs.*

*Our neighbour is also starting preschool and Filip often plays with him in the local park so it would be good if they could be in the same group.*

*We have a pet dog called Bruno and Filip loves talking about him.*



Is there any additional information about your child that you would like to share with the preschool?

Sample answer:

Filip likes to play with dinosaur toys. His favourite dinosaur is T-Rex. Filip likes that he is so big. T-Rex doesn't eat fruit or vegetables so they have a lot in common! Filip has lots of dinosaur toys and books and loves to talk about them.

He understands quite a bit of English but speaks in Polish.

We have a baby girl called Majia who is six months old.

Filip is with a child minder five days a week and she will be collecting him from preschool every day.