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What does it feel like for the child?

Exciting?
Looking forward?
Worrying?
Confusing?
Distressing?

Every child is different

What are the main issues for the child?

Is the child ready?
Time to say goodbye
Forming an attachment
Familiarity
Gradual process
Every child goes at their own pace

What part do parents play in transition?

Knows child best
Prepares the child
Communication bridge
Shares information

Every child needs their parent

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How can the pre-school contribute?

Approach to ‘endings and separations'
Prepare information to share
Involve parent
Contact with school

Every child misses their pre-school

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What should the teacher do?

Focus on the child
Form relationship with parent
Get to know the child
Know how to interpret records
Anyone else involved?

Every child needs to feel special

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Working in partnership to form strong relationships, where information can be shared and where the child feels they really do matter, is the key to successful transition.