



HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

POLICY FOR TRANSITION FROM NURSERY TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy rationale and aims

We believe that good liaison between nursery and primary school is essential to ensure continuity and progression in children's learning experience. Both nursery and primary staff at Holy Family Primary and Nursery School staff aim to provide children with a smooth transition from pre-school to primary education.

Policy Implementation

- Towards the end of the pre-school year, nursery staff will liaise with primary school staff to highlight the learning environment and curriculum the children have experienced.
- Information which is passed on to primary one teachers (concerning the child's progress) will also be shared with parents. Annual report sent to P1 staff from nursery relating to individual child.
- Children will be provided with opportunities to become familiar with the primary school environment during the nursery year with increased frequency in the third term eg:
 - Library timetable
 - Seasonal walks, visiting the pond
 - Special events and performances in conjunction with P1 classes
 - Annual Book Fair
 - Visits from Primary Seven helpers
 - Nursery children 'helpers' collecting milk etc
 - Visiting P1 area, meeting the teachers, Teddy Bears' Picnic
 - Visits from P1 teachers to nursery
- Nursery teachers will also liaise with staff in other primary schools to which some children will transfer.

Co-ordination

The responsibility for the co-ordination of this policy rests with the nursery co-ordinator. It is expected that all nursery and primary one staff will engage fully in all aspects of the policy so as to ensure the most effective transition for our pupils.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be kept under constant review by the nursery and pastoral care co-ordinators. A formal evaluation of the policy will take place every two years and any required adjustments will be made at that stage.

Review

This policy will be formally reviewed March 2012. Responsibility for the review rests with the nursery co-ordinator and the pastoral care co-ordinator.