

Plan for Supporting Educational Transition

Pre-School to Primary:

- Early application processes (January 2019) to facilitate school planning in areas such as additional teacher training, adaptations to school buildings, applications for additional teaching or care supports, special transport, assistive technology and so on for any SEN pupils.
- Enrolments to begin in January 2019 with visits to preschools by HSCL & member of school's support team
- Invitation to local preschools to visit the school for dress rehearsal of Christmas concert
- Invitation to parents of new infants to visit the school on the morning of Christmas Mass for tea/coffee
- Open Week in February 2019 where parents and new infants visit the school

- **Head Start Programme** to ensure a smooth transition from pre-school to primary school for **Junior infants** enrolling for **2019/2020**
- **Booklets and forms** given to all parents of new infants upon enrolment
- **Invitation** to all new infants to meet each other and class teacher during **June 2019**
- **Reduced day** for new infants for first week of school

Primary to Secondary School:

1. **Publication and promotion of Open Day** in Vocational College on **Sunday 7th October** and **FCJ Secondary School** on **Sunday 14th October 2018** on school's website and Facebook page
2. **Visit to Bunclody Vocational College** on **5th October (Fifth Class)** to experience a day in secondary school

3. Preparation of pupils to sit entrance examinations in February by class teachers and by using the **CAT4** Irish edition during **November**
4. Use of Transition Year students on work experience from secondary schools
5. Liaising with secondary schools to ensure enrolments take place
6. Discussions with the **HSCL** from **Bunclody Vocational College** regarding subject choice at second level etc
7. Suitable Transition Programme for **Sixth Class** during **May & June 2019**
8. Parental Support for targeted families by **HSCL**
9. Promote events & activities which have links with the **Third Level Education Sector – Pangea Maths**

Competition, Bebras Computational & Thinking
Challenge, Carlow IT etc

10. Completion of Sixth Class Passports during
April/May before Traveller pupils go on early holidays

11. Seek from Secondary Schools clear and simple
transition booklets that explain:
 - ✓ How the school works, for example, school calendar,
map showing the lay-out of the school, student's
school timetable and so on.
 - ✓ Who's who in the school for example – principal,
student's teachers, including any learning support or
resource teachers, class tutor, guidance counsellor,
SNAs, school secretary, caretaker and so on.
 - ✓ Subject options.
 - ✓ School rules and uniform (including what is needed for
PE) and taking into account the needs of students with
special educational needs.
 - ✓ What students need for their first week in post-primary
school.