**Transition from Preschool to Primary Project**

**Sept 2021-June 2022**

**Information Note**

**The Education Centre Directors in Mayo, Sligo, Donegal and Carrick-on-Shannon (covering Leitrim, Roscommon and Longford) in collaboration with the County Childcare Committee Managers in these counties are delighted to offer a collaborative project on Transition from Preschool to Primary in the school year 2021-2022.**

**The overall aim of the initiative is to foster good relationships between the practitioners in both sectors to ensure that every child transitions successfully.**

**As a result of taking part in the project, participants will**

* Gain an understanding of the curricula/framework/methodologies in both pre-school and infant classes
* Establish good relationships between their partner preschools/primary schools
* Examine current challenges & opportunities in the transition space
* Agree protocols for the sharing of information between both settings
* Formulate a number of practical strategies to ease the transition process for all stakeholders

**Note: In order to participate, a partnership of at least one Junior Infant teacher and one preschool practitioner from feeder schools is required**. **It is also essential that the Principal/Preschool Leader (Manager) is aware and supportive of your involvement in this project. A maximum of 15 partnerships per Education centre catchment area will be accepted for the first year of this initiative.**

**The project will involve participating in a professional network that will meet approximately 5 times during the school year 2021-2022, after school hours over Zoom. However, depending on Government health guidelines relating to the pandemic, there may be an opportunity to have at least one face-to-face session.**

**There will also be a number of cross-sectoral CPD webinars on topics identified by the participants.**

**During the year, the partnerships will be expected to create their own transition experience which is relevant to their unique context. Ongoing assistance and advice will be provided to make this a positive experience for all involved.**

Please fill out the expression of interest form attached and return it by email to the Director of Donegal Education Centre (director1@donegaledcentre.ie) by **Thursday 30thth Sept 2021.**