

11 POLICY: TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aim

To ensure children have a smooth transition to primary school, catering for each child's individual needs to make the transition an easy process for both the child and his/her parents / whanau.

11 Guidelines

- 11.1 At Montessori Children's House the timing of a child's move to primary school can be flexible depending on his/her needs. Children do not need to leave on their fifth birthday, they can stay until the end of a term or school year or until they are six.
- 11.2 Teaching staff are available to advise and provide parents with information about the transition programme to the local Primary schools. Reading material on choosing a Primary school is available in our parent library.
- 11.3 All local Primary schools run a transition to school programme. Visiting schedules are dependent on the Primary school chosen and may be flexible according to individual children's needs.
- 11.4 If a child has special needs and falls under Ministry of Education then the procedures should be according to team planning.
- 11.5 Montessori Children's House will encourage the new entrant teachers from the local primary schools to visit our preschool to enable them to become familiar with our programme and routines.
- 11.6 Parents are given their child's profile book on their last day and encouraged to share it with their child's new entrant teacher.