

Press Release

This is Me

Roscommon Children and Young People's Services Committee recently launched an initiative to support the transition from Pre-school to Primary school called "This is Me". Children and Young People's Services Committees (CYPSC's) bring together the main statutory, community and voluntary providers of services to children and young people in local areas to plan and co-ordinate services.

This initiative, the result of an interagency collaboration between Pre-school providers, Roscommon County Childcare Committee and Tusla, was successfully piloted in the County in 2015. The purpose of the booklet is to promote an easy transition for children from Pre-School to Primary School, to assist the Junior Infant teacher in getting to know the child and give parents memories of their child's time in Pre-school.

The booklet is completed by the Pre-school and then sent to the school the child will attend in September. It provides information to the Junior Infant teacher on the child's achievements in Pre-school and is based on the Aistear Curriculum. The information provided in the booklet provides a holistic image of the child and focuses on the positive ability and capacity of each child, using child friendly language. Parental participation is encouraged and parental consent is required to transfer the information to the school. Once noted by the teacher, the booklet is given to the parent to provide a record of their child's time in Pre-school. It is hoped that all children making the transition from Pre-school to primary school in Roscommon this year will do so with the support of the booklet.

The initiative is supported for 2016 by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and booklets are available free of charge to Pre-school providers.

If you are a Pre-school provider and have not received copies of the booklet please contact Roscommon County Childcare Committee, Knock Rd., Castlerea, Co. Roscommon Tel: 094-9622540 or info@roscommonchildcare.ie

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Pre-school Providers and staff from Roscommon County Childcare Committee and Roscommon Children and Young People's Services Committee at the launch of "This is Me"