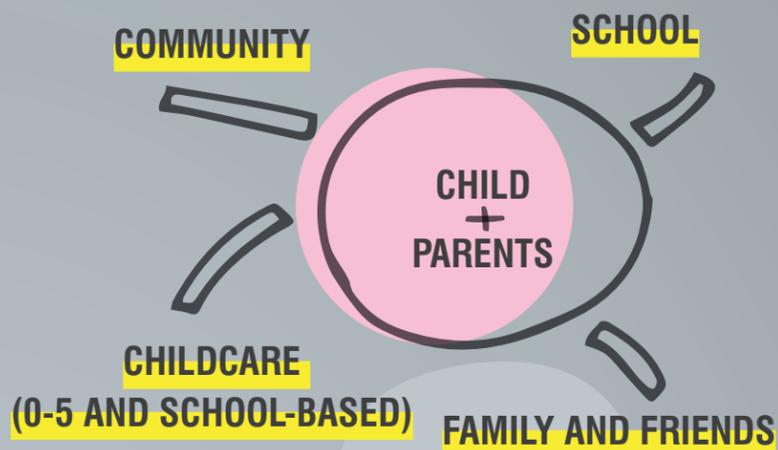


WHAT IS A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION?

A successful transition to school is the period of time during which the child, family, and the adults who support them gradually and mutually adapt to the new school environment.

“The transition to school:

- Is the first of a long series of educational transitions for the child and his family;
- Is the basis for all future transitions;
- Has a real impact on the parent and the child’s motivation and engagement at school;
- Represents an excellent opportunity to develop school-family-community relationships at the beginning of the child’s educational journey.” (MELS, 2010, p.4)



WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSITION?



WHAT ARE THE OUTCOMES OF A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION?

- Parents feel secure and reassured.
- A child’s sense of security is transferred to the school setting.
- Children and parents feel competent and capable during future transitions throughout their life.

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WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION?

1. Believing in every child’s strength and potential.
2. Recognizing children’s and parents’ feelings about starting school and acting to support them.
3. Viewing the child as an active participant in their transition and learning.
4. That all the adults surrounding the child have a positive attitude about this first transition to school.
5. That all the actors in the child’s life collaborate and share responsibility.
6. Recognizing the expertise and complementarity of the professionals and parent(s) who accompany the child on their journey to school.
7. Diversifying and supporting communication amongst all the actors.
8. Considering the educational, social, individual, familial and cultural factors.
9. Carrying out a diversity of transition activities before, during and after the start of school.