## A Smooth Transition: Pre school – Foundation Stage at Hatch Warren Infant School

We ensure that the transition from pre-school to school is an ongoing process. We are committed to meeting the needs of all the children and families. We believe that our transition process enables us to keep the child at the centre with a genuine understanding of the 'unique child'. Below are the experiences and opportunities we offer to create our smooth transition process.

Visits to pre schools - The foundation stage team will visit or call all pre schools. We talk to the manager or Key person about individual children and their needs and interests.

**Transition book / Social story** - This is a booklet that tells you about a typical day in Foundation Stage. A copy will be given to pre-schools and are available for all our new families.

Parent and child session - This take place in the Foundation Stage Unit. You and your child will have time to explore the indoor and outdoor environment and meet the team.

Parents evening - This takes place in June. This is an information evening where families can meet their child's class teacher and staff, learn about the values and vision of the school

**Home visits** - These take place in September with the class teacher and teaching assistant. The focus is to build relationships, gather information as well as give out information.

**Key person** - This will either be the class teacher or teaching assistant. Your child's key person will develop positive relationships and 'tune in' to their needs, interests and what makes them unique.

**Staggered intake** - We have established a very successful and well planned staggered start to full time education. This enables us to meet your child's personal, social and emotional needs which are crucial to support their wellbeing. This allows your child to build positive relationships with adults and peers in a calm, nurturing learning environment.

