Children Starting School
A Guide to Successful Transitions and Transfers for Teachers and Assistants

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Drawing on research, theory and practice, this book presents ways in which practitioners, working in partnership with parents, can give children a successful start to school.

Written in an accessible style, the book helps early years practitioners plan transition programmes for new children and offers ideas for developing their professional practice when working with families.

Starting school at the age of four or five is recognised as a major adjustment in a child’s life which can determine his or her future success in education. This book highlights the factors that influence children’s early adjustment, including their social and emotional well-being, so that schools can learn the best way to offer support.

Practitioners, managers and those studying on early childhood courses will gain an understanding of the complexity and diversity of transition and will learn how they can make this a stress-free time for the children, families and professionals involved.

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