



Mid Mouse Transitions ELC to P1 Project: Parent/Carer Information Leaflet

Introducing you and your child to the Mid mouse transition project:

➤ **What is Mid mouse?**

Mid mouse is an authority wide, community based transition project which will help to support your child as they move from their home & early learning & childcare setting into school. Each child will be gifted a mouse which can be used as an object to support and share their journey. Every school and early learning and childcare setting will also have a mouse, similar to your child's. Mid mouse will be a part of this special time of change for your child and can be with them every step of the way.

➤ **Where did the mouse come from?**

Volunteers across Midlothian have been knitting and crocheting mice to enable each child to have their very own special little mouse.

Each little mouse is unique in its own way, just the same as your child is.

➤ **How will the early learning setting and the school my child attends use the mouse?**

Each school and ELC will use the mouse in a variety of ways and more information will be given from your child's school in the very near future. Your mouse will be used to be a part of stories, discussions about starting school and be part of any activities that are planned around transition.

➤ **What if our mouse gets lost?**

Please do not worry, we will have a back-up supply of mice and your ELC will support you with this.

➤ **What if my child does not like his mouse?**

Speak to your child's keyworker and ask if they can support you with this. You are not under any obligation to participate and we do not want to add any pressure on you.

*You may have lots of questions about Mid mouse that have not been answered yet, do not worry your ELC setting can help you or alternatively you can email - Mid mouse has its very own email address! EarlyYearsMidmouse@midlothian.gov.uk
#midmouse "knitting the community together"*

We hope that you & your child will find their little mouse helpful and give it a loving new home.