

## **Transfer to the primary level**

### **Letter to parents**

Dear parents,

Your child can advance to the primary level next August. This transfer is an important milestone for children and their families. For most children the transfer is a smooth one.

At the next parent-teacher meeting, you and the kindergarten (pre-school) teacher will discuss how your child's transfer to the primary level is to occur. Over a period of two years, the teacher has come to know what your child is like in a wide variety of situations.

If there are doubts as to the advisability of a regular transfer to the primary level, the following options can be discussed:

- **Delayed transfer to the primary level**  
You can discuss this option with the kindergarten teacher. If both you and the teacher are in favour of this approach, the headteacher can approve an additional year of kindergarten.
- **Two-year school-entry schedule:**  
The two-year school entry schedule is intended for children who are ready to transfer to the primary level only in some respects and thus need a bit more time for this transition. Children on the two-year school entry schedule are integrated into a Year 1 class or attend a school entry class, depending on the school district. In both approaches, the learning content normally covered in Year 1 is spread out over two years. After their second year, the children transfer to Year 2 at the primary school. Attendance on the two-year school entry schedule counts as two school years.

Always discuss any uncertainties you may have with the kindergarten teacher first. If there are doubts as to the advisability of the transfer and there is a need for an assessment to clarify your child's developmental state, you can choose whether to have such an assessment performed by your school doctor or at an office of the Educational Counselling Service. The kindergarten teacher is familiar with the registration procedure. The School Medical Service will be happy to provide you with information if you have any other questions.

School medical team