Early Years Twilight Seminar

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Video 8: Transitions

DARLENE LEACH: So the child turns five, going on to big school. What happens then?

SUSANNE GARVIS: So once the child has finished with preschool, they go to preschool class, and preschool class is when the child is six, and it was made compulsory last year, and the whole year is dedicated to transition. And the ratio for this is very similar to the preschools. And the idea is that the children are becoming familiar with the schooling context so that when they start school the year after they are very much already used to the routines. Some of the preschool classes will be based at the preschools, others will be based on the school – within the school context. But the focus as well is very much on developing the social wellbeing of the child and recognising that through the child's confidence and actually the familiarity of understanding how it works, that is the best start for the child in school.