

How will the school prepare my child for joining the school and transferring to a new school?

Many strategies are in place to enable a pupil's transition to be as smooth as possible.

- We encourage all new children to visit the school prior to starting so that they can become familiar with the staff and our working environment. This will include transition sessions for parents and children and home visits from staff in our Early Years prior to starting school.
- If necessary and appropriate, we can arrange additional visits for children with specific transition needs. We are happy for parents/carers to request these.
- Mr Garden, Mrs Wilkinson and Early Years staff are happy to meet parents for further discussion on specific needs prior to their child starting school.
- Nursery staff carry out home visits for each child before they start attending nursery.
- All pupils in school have transition sessions with their future class teacher during the summer term.
- For transition to high school, we liaise with the schools involved and arrange visits.
- Some children benefit from extra visits and we arrange Transition Meetings if necessary, for children with a higher level of need. Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Smith, our Learning Mentor, work with some children who need more support to make a successful transition to secondary school.
- We have handover meetings with SEN staff from our main feeder schools, Temple Moor High School, John Smeaton Academy, Bishop Young Academy and Leeds East Academy, and liaise with the SEN departments of other high schools as necessary to ensure that we share our in-depth knowledge of each child with SEN.
- All relevant paper work is transferred via a safe system. In some instances, resources are produced such as a transition book, social stories, photographs to aid pupil's transition.