



Moving Up

A parental guide
to transition
within South View
Primary School

Moving Classes

- ▶ Moving to a new class is an important milestone for every child. While many children look forward to the change, others may feel uncertain, worried, or need a little extra support.
- ▶ We view transition as an ongoing process. We carefully plan opportunities throughout the summer term to help children become familiar with their new environment, staff, and routines so that they feel safe, confident, and ready to learn when September arrives.

“....transition is a process
and not an event..”

-Clair Ganley



What Do We Mean by Transition?

Transition is the process of preparing children for change. This includes:

- ▶ Building confidence about moving to a new year group.
- ▶ Helping children become familiar with new adults.
- ▶ Practising new routines and expectations.
- ▶ Providing opportunities for children and parents to ask questions.
- ▶ Sharing important information between staff to ensure continuity of support.

Successful transition helps children feel secure and ready for the next stage of their learning journey.





Move-Up Day

(The first Wednesday in July)

- ▶ Spend most of the day with their new teacher.
- ▶ Learn in their new classroom.
- ▶ Meet the children who will be in their new class.
- ▶ Experience some of the routines and expectations for September.

To provide additional reassurance, children begin and end the morning and afternoon session with their current teacher. This gives the opportunity to:

- ▶ Check in with a familiar adult.
- ▶ Share any concerns, which can then be addressed immediately.
- ▶ Reflect on their experience.
- ▶ Receive reassurance and support if needed.

The following people also visit everyone during the day to check in:
Mrs Tomlins- Head Teacher
Mrs Henderson - Deputy Head
Mrs Strickland - Learning Mentor
Mrs Stewart - SENDCo

Its not just Move Up Day - Transition Happens Over Time

Rather than relying on a single transition day, we provide multiple opportunities for children to:

- ▶ Meet their new teacher. (Doing activities across the school year with other classes and staff mean that our children are familiar with lots of adults.)
- ▶ Become familiar with new classrooms and other spaces including trying out new playgrounds, new entrances and visiting less familiar parts of the school - yes, that does include new toilets!
- ▶ Discuss any worries or questions - assemblies and lessons about change, moving on and experiencing something new.
- ▶ Practise important changes before the summer holiday, and after the holidays there will be lots of people to help if your child forgets. We don't expect them to remember it all in September - the first few weeks are still part of the process.



Sharing Information Between Staff

Staff work together to ensure key information is shared.

Our staff hold detailed handover meetings to ensure that important information is shared between current and future teachers.

This includes:

- ▶ Academic progress.
- ▶ Learning strengths.
- ▶ Areas where additional support may be needed.
- ▶ Friendship groups.
- ▶ Wellbeing information.
- ▶ Effective strategies that help individual children succeed.



This ensures that teachers know their new pupils well before September.

Meet the Staff Information

To help families become familiar with new adults, we provide a **Meet the Staff** swag which is emailed out to all families after Move Up day so you know who is who.

This includes:

- ▶ Photographs of staff.
- ▶ Information about each member of staff.
- ▶ The area of school they work in.



Some children find it reassuring to look through over the summer holidays or enjoying telling family and friends which staff they will be working with this next year.

How Parents/Carers Can Help at Home

You can support your child by:

- ▶ ✓ Talking positively about their new class.
- ▶ ✓ Remind them that change is normal.
- ▶ ✓ Encouraging them to ask questions.
- ▶ ✓ Looking through any transition information sent home.
- ▶ ✓ Practising new routines if appropriate.
- ▶ ✓ Acknowledging worries while reassuring them that support is available.
- ▶ ✓ Contacting school if you feel your child may benefit from additional help.



What if my child needs extra help?

- ▶ Talk to their current teacher about other things that are in place or could be put in place.
- ▶ Use a **Healthy Mind Workshop** - your child's class teacher can share further information if this might be helpful.
- ▶ Look at the school website or revisit the staff sway.
- ▶ Walk past the school and give it a wave - you might see members of staff waving back.
- ▶ Remind them how much we are really looking forward to seeing them in September.



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