

ENHANCED TRANSITIONS EARLY YEARS TO SCHOOL

Parent and Carer information



Transition – The process of moving to school or between settings

As a parent or carer it can be a worrying time when your son or daughter is due to move to school or between settings. Working together as parents and professionals we will always aim for a positive, successful and smooth transition for all our children.

The majority will take the move in their stride but a number will need closer monitoring within existing arrangements. A few might find the move more difficult and need some extra steps to help them with the transition. The receiving school or early years setting will plan to support their needs when they start the school or move.

In Plymouth we have an **Enhanced Transition Framework**. This provides a shared way of talking about the level of support needed by children during transitions. It uses the codes 'Universal' or 'Enhanced Transition Plus One', 'Plus Two' or 'Plus Three'. This is represented in this diagram.

Useful tips for parents / carers

- Encourage your child to look at the move as a natural and positive part of their development. Often they can be less worried about the move than their parents / carers.
- Be positive yourself to try to avoid your child picking up on your concerns making them worry.
- Listen to your child's wishes and preferences, involving them in the decision on which schools or early years settings to visit and apply to.
- Take it one step at a time.



What can I do if I am worried about my child / young person's transition?

Talk about this with the teacher, SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) or their lead professional. You can decide with them if they will need an enhanced transition.

If I am still worried that an appropriate transition will not be provided, what can I do?

If after discussions you are concerned with what will happen, Plymouth Information Advice and Support (PIAS) can discuss your concerns with you and, if needed, provide you with independent support to work through concerns. Visit www.plymouthias.org.uk or call 01752 258933 or 0800 953 1131

SEPTEMBER

Information received about school application process.

15 JANUARY

Deadline for school application.

MARCH TO MAY

Initial discussions by all involved agreeing steps towards transition

MAY TO JULY

New school arranges enhanced transition meeting / visits / support

SEPTEMBER

Start new school and review transition plan in early October

SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY

Visit schools and choose three to apply for.

ABOUT 15 APRIL

Parents notified of school place

JULY

New school visit for all pupils

Where can I find the Enhanced Transition Framework? On the Plymouth Information, advice and Support for SEND (PIAS) website at www.plymouthias.org.uk/resources/files/publication_17_plymouth_framework_for_enhanced_transitions_v2_march2016.pdf

Useful Websites:

Plymouth Online Directory: www.plymouthonlinedirectory.com

Being School Ready: www.pacey.org.uk/working-in-childcare/spotlight-on/being-school-ready/