

10. Transition to School Policy



Statement of intent

Yaddlethorpe Pre-school believes that the transition to a new school is a major event in the lives of young children, and it can be an anxious time for both the children and the parents.

Our aim

We aim to make this transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible with as little distress to the child as possible.

Method

In order to achieve this we will support the children and the parents in this important stage of their lives by:

- ensuring that parents are aware of the need to register their child at a school of their choice;
- providing the parents with information about the local schools when asked;
- emphasising to parents the benefits of the children taking up a lunchtime in preparation for school – this promotes self-confidence and independence;
- trying not to put too much emphasis on the move, especially for those children going to school;
- providing books and pictures for the children which promote positive images and stories about moving up to school;
- talking about who else will be moving to school;
- making ourselves familiar with which school each child will be moving to and the names of the teaching staff;
- sending letters to the schools inviting the teaching staff to come and visit the children at pre-school;
- completing a transition form for each child and pass it to the school along with the child's record of progress as they move on;
- reassuring parents that anxiety about going to school is quite common for children and that it can affect their normal behaviour