

## **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 and carers to request these.
- Mrs Hill (Head Teacher), Mr Fenwick (SENCo) and Early Years staff are happy to meet parents for further discussion on specific needs prior to their child starting school.
- All pupils in school have transition sessions with their future class teacher during the summer term, with parents and carers invited to meet their child's future class teacher at Open Evening.
- 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. Parents are invited to attend these. Ms Ratcliffe (our Pastoral Manager) works with some children who need more support to make a successful transition to secondary school.
- We have handover meetings with SEND staff from our feeder schools, for example Stockport Academy and Cheadle Hulme High School, and liaise with the SEND departments of high schools as necessary to ensure that we share our in-depth knowledge of each child with SEND.
- All relevant paper work is transferred via a safe system.
- In some instances resources are produced such as social stories, photographs to aid pupil's transition.