

Stepping Up from Primary to Secondary School



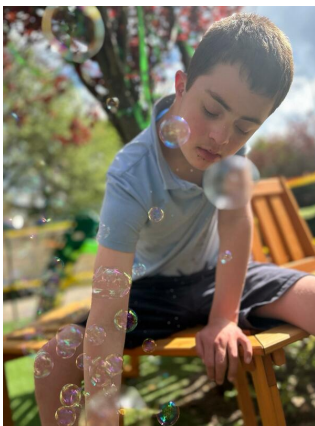
Help for children with additional needs
moving on from primary to secondary
school.



Moving On to Secondary School



This guide helps children with additional needs move from primary to secondary school. It can be exciting but also a bit scary.



Children with additional needs may need extra help with this change.



Children with additional needs might have an EHCP. This is an Education Health and Care Plan.



At secondary school, children meet new teachers, make friends, and learn new subjects. There will be more than one teacher and lots more people.



Children can visit their new school before starting. This helps them get used to the place, meet new teachers, and see where they will learn.



Families and carers can talk to their children about the new school. It's good to talk about what children are excited or worried about.



Schools can meet with parents/carers to discuss support like extra help in class or special equipment for the child.



Children with additional needs may have a buddy at school. A buddy is a friend who helps them settle in and shows them around.



It's important for children to feel happy and safe at school. Schools can help by having quiet spaces where children can go if they need a break.



Children might also learn how to travel to school on their own. This can help them feel more independent and confident.



Parents and carers can ask the school about clubs and activities. Joining clubs can help children make friends and try new things.



If a child has an EHCP, it will be reviewed every year. This can help make sure they are getting the right support as they grow up.



Moving to secondary school is a big step. With the right support, children with additional needs can enjoy learning and make new friends.



Remember, every child is different, and it's okay to ask for help if you need it.