

6. What happens when a child with SEND leaves our school?

As much as we'd like to keep the children for ever, we have to let them go! For most children, this will mean transition to a new secondary school. For a few, it may mean transition to another primary or special school.

We recognise that this transition can be a time of some stress and concern for children with SEND and their parents. We will try to ensure that transition goes smoothly and that the child is as ready as can be for their new school.

A typical timeline for transition into secondary school for a child with SEND.

Step	When	Action
1	Year 5	Parents are encouraged to begin thinking about secondary schools for their child. They are encouraged to visit a wide range of any local secondary schools. This gives the child and the parents time to process their thoughts and feelings. Most secondary schools now are well versed in SEND children from year 5 asking to visit and they are usually happy to oblige.
2	September Year 6	Parents are encouraged to go and visit the schools again on their official open days.
3		The child and parents apply for their new school and in March of Year 6 are told which school their child has been allocated.
4	Summer Year 6	The school runs a 'transition intervention' programme led by Mr Andy Samuels. This includes extra visits to the schools and meetings with the new school SENDCo.
5	Autumn year 7	In recent years we have visited the child at their new school to have a chat and see how they are getting on.

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