

Transition Guide

What to expect from your
educational setting from ages 2-18



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Whether you or your child is starting nursery, beginning school for the first time, moving onto secondary school or furthering studies at college or sixth form, it will always involve a process or transition and change. Schools, colleges, and settings have all come together in Hull to make this change as smooth as possible for all of our pupils aged between 3 and 18 years old. Here is what to expect at each transition point with brief details of the offer, support, and advice you can get along the journey.

What to know even more? Check out our Transition Guide for Professionals by visiting- <https://www.howareyoufeeling.org.uk/transition-support>

Starting nursery for the first time...

Starting at a school, whether in 2 Year Provision or Nursery (FS1) can be daunting for children and their families alike. Hull City Council and the Hull Learning Partnership have worked closely together to create a clear transition process that supports your child on this very important transition point in their education.

The nursery will:

- Contact your child's previous Private Nursery or Childminder (if they have attended one) and ask for a copy of any

information that they have about your child

- Contact you to find out about your child. The teacher may offer to visit you in your home to meet yourself and your child
- Offer a visit to meet the staff at the nursery and look around the setting before your child starts
- Give you an information pack about the school and the Early Years Foundation Stage that they use to plan what your child will be learning
- There may be some forms that you may have to complete
- Ask you to share a copy of your child's Health Visitor Assessment if you have it

Worried that your child might struggle with the change? Please contact the school if you have any concerns. They may be able to look at a bespoke package for you and your child which may include more visits over a longer period of time and/or home visits.

Important dates

Children may start in nursery at different points throughout the year depending on funding.

Further advice and support:

- Family Information Service Hull
- Hull Children's Centres
- Online Parenting Guides

Starting school for the first time in Reception...

The transition from a School Nursery (FS1) to the Reception Class (FS2) can be easier for those children who already attend the school but there will be different expectations of the children as they progress through the school. For some children this will be the first time that they have attended a school setting. Some may have accessed early years provision in a private day nursery, pre-school or childminder setting, whereas for others this may be the first time they have accessed any early year's provision. It is important that transition takes account of these different needs.

If your child has not previously attended the primary school, they will:

- Contact your child's previous Private Nursery or Childminder (if they have attended one) and ask for a copy of any information that they have about your child
- Contact you to find out about your child. The teacher may offer to visit you in your home to meet yourself and your child
- Offer a visit to meet the staff at the nursery and look around the

setting before your child starts

- Give you an information pack about the school and the Early Years Foundation Stage that they use to plan what your child will be learning
- There may be some forms that you may have to complete
- Ask you to share a copy of your child's Health Visitor Assessment if you have it
- Worried that your child might struggle with the change? Please contact the school if you have any concerns. They may be able to look at a bespoke package for you and your child which may include more visits over a longer period of time and/or home visits.

Important Dates

School applications open on 1st October and close mid January. Parents will be notified of their child's school allocation in April. Appeals must be submitted within 20 school days.

Further advice and support

- Family Information Service Hull
- Hull Children's Centres
- Online Parenting Guides
- My School Portal

Early years to Year 1...

The transition from Reception to Year 1 is a big step for children and requires careful planning. Without careful planning, the move from a free flowing, play based environment to a more formal, traditionally based curriculum can be difficult for pupils when they move up.

The primary school will...

- Full transition days to their Year 1 class during the penultimate week in Summer.
- The school will create opportunities for pupils to meet their new Year 1 teachers during the Summer term - for example story times etc.
- The school will ensure that pupils are familiar with social situations or spaces in school such as assemblies and playgrounds
- The school will deploy aspects of the Foundation Stage provision and routines to gradually introduce pupils to more formal learning during the first half term
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- The Reception class will begin to move to more 'formal' learning experiences to prepare pupils for Year 1 in the Summer term
- Arrange a Year 1 transition meeting with parents in the Summer term - meet the team, explain expectations, routines, entrances etc

Worried your child might struggle with the change? The school will create a more bespoke package for you which will allow your child to visit the classroom setting more often and to get to know staff. The Reception and Year 1 class teachers will meet to identify vulnerable pupils who will need support and they will reach out to you.

Important dates

- Transition days to the new Year 1 class in the Summer term (penultimate week)
- A welcome meeting for Year 1 parents organised in the summer term

Further advice and support

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Moving on to secondary school...

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is a big step for pupils in our city. Some pupils may find this exciting but for others it is a daunting prospect in a very different, much larger environment. Here's what to expect.

The secondary school will...

- A 5-day transition week for all Year 6 pupils before the summer holidays
- Open Evenings to each secondary school in the autumn term
- Information packs from each setting
- Spring and Summer visits to meet your child in their primary school
- Worried your child might struggle with the change? The primary school identifies any pupils with your consent and the secondary school will add even more opportunities to visit and get used to their new school.

Important dates

- Applications to secondary school open on 1st September and close on 31st October
- You will be offered a place at your new school on 1st March

- The 5-day transition week takes place on the penultimate week before your child leaves their primary school at the start of the summer holiday

Further advice and support

- Hull City Council Website Access
- Guide to Secondary School Admissions
- My School Portal



Moving into Year 9 at secondary school...

Moving into a new setting at the end of Year 9 is a great opportunity for students who are ready for a different type of learning, which enables them to specialise in vocational or academic technical qualifications alongside core GCSEs. In Hull students have two options: the 14-16 College (technical and vocational learning) and Ron Dearing UTC (employer-engaged academic, technical learning). Both organisations offer a step up into a young adult environment.

Leaving secondary school at the end of Year 9 to start somewhere new in Year 10 is an important decision requiring careful consideration. In order to understand the provision students are applying for, it is essential that they and their parents attend Open Evenings and Information, Advice and Guidance events to learn about the curriculum, opportunities, differences, expectations and responsibilities. It is also vital that the 14-16 College and Ron Dearing UTC work with secondary schools and families to ensure a successful transition.

Important dates 14-16 College

1st September – October half term - Applications for in-year transfers will be considered up to the end of the first half term.

Application Window	Application Deadline	Confirmation deadlines
Window 1	November	December
Window 2	January	February
Window 3	March	April
Window 4	May	July

The 14-16 College will add any year 10 students applying for year 11 place onto a waiting list and assess applications. This is case by case due to the core curriculum opportunities reduced for 2 terms of study and spaces available.

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Off to college or sixth form...

Career choices are closely related to education choices which in turn are a factor in the future earning potential of an individual. Ensuring that children transition successfully into high quality post 16 education, employment or training is not only an entitlement but also a critical factor in the economic wellbeing of the city.

The Transition Offer includes

- Assemblies and information events for Year 11 pupils outlining routes available Post 16, including visiting speakers and providers of further education and training
- Schools provide parents with available details of open evenings and information events for post 16 providers of further education, employment, and training. A calendar of Post 16 provider Open Evenings and year 11 after-school events is published at the start of the Autumn Term and includes admission timescales such as deadlines for applications, interviews, and enrolment dates
- A minimum of one annual citywide careers inspiration event (i.e., Skills Humber)
- Pupils receive at least one focused careers/progression meeting with a qualified

independent and impartial careers practitioner.

- Use of the careers portal (www.logonmoveon.co.uk) to research their options, search and apply for their chosen courses, opportunities and provider(s) which are available across Hull, East Riding and surrounding area.

Important dates

- Autumn Term - Open Evenings, events, and publicity. College and Apprenticeship Talks, Introduction of > log on | move on > if not already done in year 10.
- Spring Term - Visits and taster events, College interviews, Skill Humber. Summer 1- Introduction of > log on | move on > to year 10s.
- Summer 2 - Further taster days take place in the summer term for year 10 and 11. GCSE results day – Enrolment with providers

Further advice and support

Log on Move on –

www.logonmoveon.co.uk

Hull City Council Connexions service -

www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/training/connexions

Apprenticeships -

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk

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