



# Transition From Reception 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 national curriculum sets out clear learning goals across every subject, and there are targets including knowing certain times tables and being able to spell a list of words accurately. Children are beginning to prepare for their KS1 tests taken in Year 2 and are also expected to take a phonics screening check towards the end of Year 1.

There are more formal teaching approaches used to educate pupils in Year 1 and this could mean more time sitting and listening with focused attention. This is particularly difficult for the most vulnerable pupils who will struggle with new routines and expectations.

It is important that schools manage this change successfully to enable a smooth transition.

## What to Expect

To help get your child ready for Year 1, the following will take place:

- Full transition days to their Year 1 class during the penultimate week in Summer with a minimum of 2 days
- 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
- 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

## I am worried that my child may need more support than others - What support is available to them?

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.

## When do things happen?

- 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

## Need More Information or Support?

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

