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All about transitions

- Things have changed really quickly for schools and families due to the Corona-virus.
- Once new school places are confirmed, families start thinking about the transition, from practical ones about drop-off and pick-up, uniform and homework, to concerns about their child making friends or settling with their new teacher.
- In North East Lincolnshire parents/carers and their children would usually be invited into educational settings for information sessions and for children to meet their teacher. However we now need to start thinking about alternative ways of helping children and their families with their 2020 transition preparations. This will be both in terms of how we can help them get a feel for the school, the staff and the way things run in new settings, and what parents can do with children while they're at home to get them ready for transition.
- We're already getting our heads around the options of video conferences, recordings shared on social media, or something online that parents can log into and ask questions. Seeing the school building and layout can be really useful as can virtual tours on school websites. We may see schools recording their own walk-rounds or posting lots of pictures. Home visits will now be phone calls or video chats, and the extra work we'd do with families of children with SEND will still happen, but in these new ways.



Please take a look at the ideas in this guide and feedback to us with your 2020 transitions ideas to SEN@nelincs.gov.uk.





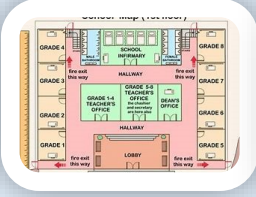






Transition Ideas for Education Settings (part 1)

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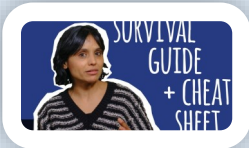





Idea	Links	Age phase
<p>Virtual tour of school or college</p>	 <p>Four thumbnail images showing virtual tours of school interiors, including a large hall and a hallway.</p>	<p>Great for all age groups</p>
<p>A day in the life - Current learners describe their school day</p>	 <p>Four thumbnail images showing children in school uniforms engaged in various activities, including playing in a playground and sitting at a table.</p>	<p>Great for all age groups</p>
<p>Children and young people's FAQ's with visuals - video, photos, clipart or drawings</p>	 <p>Two thumbnail images showing children in school uniforms, one holding a notebook with the name 'Toby' and the other with 'Kyle'.</p>	<p>Great for all age groups</p>
<p>Info on: Lunch time routines, PE, homework, assemblies etc.</p>	 <p>Two thumbnail images: one showing children at a table with the text 'Lunchtime' and another showing a person in a school setting with the text 'DGS tour video / welcome to Dunbar Gram...'.</p>	<p>Great for all age groups</p>
<p>Getting to know you: Photos of rooms, teachers and staff who can provide support</p>	 <p>Two thumbnail images showing staff members: one labeled 'Miss Stalker - Computing' and another showing a woman in a school setting.</p>	<p>Great for all age groups</p>

Transition Ideas for Education Settings (part 2)




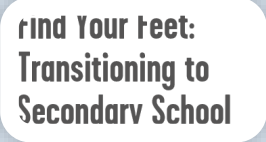

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Idea	Links	Age phase
<p>Social Stories</p>	 	<p>All age phases</p>
<p>'All about me' - Profiles to share with new teachers</p>	 	<p>All age phases</p>
<p>Maps, timetables and sample lunch menus</p>	 	<p>All age phases</p>
<p>Webinar sessions, Websites & Other Home School communication - Parent/carer Q and A</p>	    	<p>All age phases</p>

Transition Ideas for Parents and Carers

Idea	Links	Age phase
Starting Primary School	   	Early Years & Key Stage 1
Starting Secondary School	  	Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3
Moving on from Secondary school		Year 11 & Post 16

Transition Ideas for Children and Young People

Idea	Links	Age phase
Starting Primary School	 	Early Years & Key Stage 1
Starting Secondary School	 	Key Stage 2 & Key Stage 3
Moving on from Secondary school		Year 11 & Post 16

Useful contacts

General

If you are concerned about **anyone** locally or you need help yourself, please contact:

- **NHS** – For medical advice on COVID-19 or if symptoms have worsened visit the [NHS](#) website or call 111
- **North East Lincolnshire Council** – For information on food services and welfare call 01472 313131 – Our contact centre is currently open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm, and closed on a Sunday.
- **NEL Single Point of Access** – If you have medical, health, befriending, bereavement, mental health or adult social care enquiries call 01472 256256.
- **Police** – If you are worried that someone is a victim of crime please call Humberside Police on 101, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111
- **Mental health support** – You can call NAViGO on 01472 256256, option 3 for 24/7 mental health support in North East Lincolnshire. For young people's mental health support call Young Mind's Matter 01472 626100 (for out of hours support you can also call 01472 256256 option 3)
- **North East Lincolnshire Women's Aid** – 01472 575757
- **Sector Support NEL** – For up to date information on the voluntary and community sector organisations and their services go to the [Sector Support NEL](#) website.

In any emergency situation please call 999

Useful contacts

NE LINCS Local Authority Education Services Support

- <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/covid-19-advice-and-guidance/>
- **Educational Psychology advice support line** for parents/cares and professionals (Tel: 01472 323308)
- **School Admissions** The School Admissions Team can be contacted on 01472 326291 (option4) However, if your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) you will need to discuss any school admission or school transfer issues with the Special Educational Needs and Review team on 01472 323166. <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/>
- **School Transport** Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring that a child attends school. However, in some cases the local authority has a duty to support parents and carers with transport to school. SchoolTransport@nelincs.gov.uk
- Advice line for all regarding the statutory process of **Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)** (Tel: 01472 3232 5477 angie.keshaw@nelincs.gov.uk)
- Top Tips on parent/carer support at home for children with additional needs and/or signposting to **useful websites** and online servicesL richard.albery@nelincs.gov.uk
- Virtual support for families requiring help with home schooling for children with **vision or hearing difficulties** Karen.Jacklin@nelincs.gov.uk (Hearing) or Karen.Basille@nelincs.gov.uk (Vision)
- Virtual support for families requiring help with home schooling for children with Autism, speech, language and communication needs, learning and cognition needs, physical disabilities and social, emotional and mental health difficulties sharon.gest@nelincs.gov.uk
- Education Services Manager **Schools Link officer** liaison with schools and educational settings where issues arise for families clare.linfitt@nelincs.gov.uk
- Advice on support for Early Years Rose.Tanser@nelincs.gov.uk or Glenis.Vesey@nelincs.gov.uk

For more SEND info go to:

<https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-and-local-offer/>

Useful contacts

Other sources of Education and SEND information, advice and guidance

- **INDEPENDENT SEND SUPPORT** In Ne Lincs Barnardo's provide a SEND independent Advisory Support Service for parents/carers SENDIASS. Contact 01472 355365 or email nelincs@barnardos.org.uk
- **PARENT/CARER SEND SUPPORT** North East Lincs Parent Participation Forum NELPPF provide support and advice to parents of children with SEND in our local area. Facebook: Facebook.com/North East Lincs Parent Participation Forum, Twitter: Twitter.com/NELPPF, Website: nelppf.co.uk Email: help@nelppf.co.uk. Telephone: 07583 474892
- **NE LINCS Carers Support Centre** Carers can register with the Carers' Support Service by calling 01472 242277 or email info.nel@carerssupportcentre.com with your contact telephone number and they will call you back: <https://www.carerssupportcentre.com/nel/>
- **Disability Living Allowance.** Some parents/carers may require financial support in the form of Disability Living Allowance. You do NOT need a diagnosis to receive DLA. Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children may help with the extra costs of looking after a child who: is under 16 has difficulties walking or needs much more looking after than a child of the same age who does not have a disability
- **Free School Meals** Benefits Team Municipal Offices, Town Hall Square, Grimsby, North East Lincolnshire, DN31 1HU Email: freeschoolmeals@nelincs.gov.uk Telephone: 01472 323732 Telephone opening times: Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30pm, except bank holidays: <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>
- **Financial guidance** Contact a Family can provide information on benefits and other sources of financial help. You can call the free Contact a Family helpline and the staff can carry out a full benefits check for you. Tel: 0808 808 3555. Contact a Family website <https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/benefits-financial-help/benefits-and-tax-credits/>
- **Mental health support service in North East Lincolnshire. Offering professional support to people affected by COVID-19.** A joint venture between the local authority, NAViGO and Young Minds Matter, the confidential helpline offers support to all ages – from children to adults and older adults – across the borough. The telephone support service can be accessed by anyone – from individuals already in receipt of mental health services to people struggling with the new social distancing restrictions, isolation or pandemic-related anxiety. Call **01472 256256**, option 3.