

## Transition Arrangements

All new applications for students go through the Essex Statutory Assessment Service (SAS) and are considered by a panel of professionals.

Once an application has been approved by the panel we meet the student and their parents/carers to show them round the school. Professionals from current settings are also welcome to join these visits. During the visit the Head Teacher, or one of the Deputies, meets with the child and family and they are shown round the site by the Transition manager. At this point we make some judgements as to whether we can meet the needs of the child, and usually offer a taster session so that they can spend some time in school without their parents/carers. Following that we will make a recommendation to the Statutory Assessment Service.

Once the family have accepted a place we offer a transition programme to meet the needs of the child. This will include taster sessions, and may also involve home visits, planning meetings and part time provision, until the child is confident to come into school full time.

Students who make rapid progress are able to transition into mainstream schools if they choose to and it is identified as a positive move at their EHCP Annual Review meeting. The Transition Manager supports the family to identify a suitable placement with SAS, liaises with the SEND departments at the school, and organises visits and a transition programme.

From Y9 onwards students begin work towards transition on to College or Apprenticeships. At this point some begin to attend Alternative Provision in vocational subjects such as Motor Vehicle Maintenance, or work experience in an area of interest, such as catering. They meet with a Preparing for Adulthood advisor from the Children and Young People with Disabilities Service. who also attends their Y11 AR and gives advice about the suitability of placements and travel etc. Also from Y9 onwards they can work towards a GCSE level qualification "Preparation for Working Life" as part of their Life Skills curriculum.

Throughout Y11 the Transition Manager supports students with careers guidance, college applications, visits, open days and interviews. This is then followed up throughout the following year with students and families to monitor their progress.