

Ali's Top Tips for a Successful Transition



- Visit the school as much as possible before they start in September- also when the classroom is empty
- Ensure you have met with the SENCo & Teachers to tell them about your child and what calms them and to ask any questions; your minds may be put at rest as a result
- Prepare a one-page profile about them- Sheff Kids have examples
- Share any reports with the school this will help them.

Two weeks before the start of school

- Drive past the school frequently
- Use a schedule to show your child their new routine
- Practice putting shoes on, wearing the uniform & walking to school
- Look at the transition book or photos of the adults, classroom, toilets, dinner hall and the playground at their new school
- Look at commercially produced books- Going to School by Usborne First Experiences, Topsy & Tim Start School and Harry & the Dinosaurs Go to School
- Hang the school uniform in their room to get them used to it; M & S sell autistic friendly school uniform
- Talk about what would be the same or different.
- Talk about school in a positive way

Remember to continue to talk to school and the class teachers throughout the process; they want to make this as successful a transition as possible.

Mainstream schools can apply for Higher Needs Funding (HNF) to employ extra adults to support your child. They do not usually use this for 1:1 support; their aim is to promote independence and give targeted support where needed.

It's ok if your child is not toilet trained; a Care Plan will be written in conjunction with you to support her needs.