



Transitions

Bright Eyes are committed to positive transition experiences for children from starting nursery, moving to new rooms and transitioning into a new school for their reception class. Children are encouraged and coached through change to ensure that they are comfortable and confident to go through transitions.

Starting Nursery

We aim to work with parents to support children through change and transition. When thinking of starting your child's journey with us we will invite you for a look around the setting for you to meet the team, ask questions and allow your child to explore the environment for the first time with the comfort of a parent. Following a show around, if you choose to place your child at Bright Eyes, you will be given a child registration form to complete with details about your child and their routine to ease transition. This will give the setting and the child's future key person vital information about what they like and will support the transition into nursery.

Once the child registration is completed and returned the nursery will be in touch to confirm when 'Settling Sessions' will take place. This is where your child can come into the setting for four hours free of charge to become familiar with the setting and the key workers before they start their formal sessions. We recommend that before these sessions you talk to your child about what will happen and that you will be leaving them but will collect them again when they have played.

Transitioning between play rooms

As your child develops, they will move between our rooms at the nursery. We work hard to ensure children are familiar with all rooms and join with older children where safe and practical to promote sibling relationships and inter age mixing. This also gives children an opportunity to get to know key workers in all rooms. When your child is ready to move up to the next room, your child's key person will discuss the proposed transition date and when your child will be settling into their new room. This will give you an opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns you and your child. You will also be given a transition document which will include a picture and few sentences about all of the new key staff in their new room. Your child may have been allocated a new key person, however we understand this can change once your child settles and makes new relationships.

Children transition at different times and some children may move before their peers or after depending on their individual need. As a general rule, children move with their cohort at the following ages and at the term closest to their birthday;

Age	Room Name
Under 2's	Blossom
Over 2's	Bluebells & Buttercups
September before school	Preschool

School Transitions

When the time comes for your child to go to Primary school we will ask you which Primary school your child will be attending. We will then contact the school with your permission to arrange for the reception class teacher to come into the setting to meet your child in an environment they are familiar with. We will speak to each school to find out transition session dates and discuss with reception teachers where each child is working within the Birth 2 Five Matters and their next steps. Where possible we will attend transition sessions at your child's new school with them if staffing allows and you are not able to take your child yourself.

We incorporate school transitions into roleplay, circle time and activities to ensure discussions and interests in our new schools. Your child will participate in our 'Bright Beginnings' programme to ensure they are as ready as they can be for school.



Some of the actions we work towards before school are:

- Hold a pencil with control and listen to a story.
- Get dressed and ask for help if needed.
- Count from 1-10
- Eat with a knife and fork.
- Can use the toilet when needed.
- Take turns and share with a friend.

If you would like resources or more information on our Bright Beginnings program please speak to Lowenna our school readiness ambassador.

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Signed by: Nursery Manager

