

'Getting ready for change'

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A transition toolkit for people with an autism spectrum condition or social communication difficulty who are moving from one setting to another and would benefit with support through change. (This information would be helpful for all children & young people who are vulnerable!)

In Wokingham the following features are seen as the key principles which underpin successful transition for all children & young people with ASC and social communication difficulties:

- A child centred approach which focuses on individual need / their awareness of their own strengths and difficulties, their specific interests and the factors which are most likely to cause anxiety.
- The use of an Individual Profile.
- The need to gather the "rich picture" i.e. information from all those involved with the child/young person.
- The sharing of effective management strategies across all settings, including home.
- A carefully planned series of visits between giving and receiving settings.
- A structured process of familiarisation for child/young person, parents/ carers and staff.
- A focus on skill development appropriate to the new setting.
- A careful system which allows for closure in the old setting.

The Transition Toolkit has been prepared to encapsulate the above principles.

It gives generic guidance which can be put into place when preparing for transitions across a range of different settings.

This document is seen as guidance for parents and professionals planning a child/young person's transition from one setting to another, with appropriate actions for all those involved.

Each transition will be unique to the child/young person and the setting and may not incorporate all the elements of the Transition Toolkit.

Any change is a challenge for pupils with ASC & social communication difficulties. The more planning and preparation that takes place the more likely the move is to be successful.

Good communication underpins successful transition