

TRANSITION POLICY



Liberty Kids understands that each child's transition 'is a process' and 'not an event'.

INTRODUCTION

Our 'Transition Policy' describes the movement that takes place from one familiar setting (including the home) to another. Care and attention is given to each stage for each individual child as they transition between home to Explorers, Adventurers and Discoverers and later onwards from Discoverers to school.

AIMS

We aim to ensure that each child experiences as seamless a transition as possible throughout their time with Liberty Kids, to ensure that all children continue to make the very best progress.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND INCLUSION

- Our staff, children and parent/carers, are all actively involved in the transition process and their perceptions about transition are explored and valued.
- Measures are taken to ensure all children are given the opportunity to experience a similar ease of transition.

PRINCIPLES

- Effective transition takes time, and is a process rather than an event.
- Transitions are not overlooked or left to chance, but thought about and planned in advance.
- Feedback from children and parents/carers is encouraged and valued.

PRACTICE

Transition from Explorers to Adventurers

- Our Explorers and Adventurers rooms are considered 'one' we meet up at regular times during each week, usually in the Adventurers room, to ensure that a sense of 'Community' is clearly established.
- Our Explorers and Adventurers will get to know the team as a 'whole' across the Explorers and Adventurers room.
- Explorers will transition to the Adventurers over a long period of time, so when the final transition takes place, it's seamless.
- Explorers will transition full time to Adventurers based not only on their age, but readiness based on their individual development and independence.
- Some Explorers will transition once they turn 18 months and are sturdy on their feet, whilst others stay longer.
- Irrespective of when your child moves, if under 2, the 1:3 ratio will be maintained.
- Parents will all be introduced to their child's 'new' staff members when they transition to the Adventurers permanently.

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Transition from Adventurers to Discoverers/Go Wild

- Parents are invited to meet the 'new' staff who will be working with their child and to have a look around the Discoverers/Go Wild and feel comfortable with the new environment.
- Parents receive an 'Welcome Information Pack', this contains information on transition and how it works and an 'All About Me' sheet to complete.
- Children will have visits to the Discoverers/Go Wild to join in the session to allow them to be comfortable in the new setting.
- Any children with additional support needs (ASN) are identified and support allocated prior to the transition.
- Any child who is finding settling in to the routines difficult, can spend time between Adventurers and Discoverers/Go Wild, over extended period of time, with parent's agreement.

Transition from Discoverers/Go Wild to Primary 1

- Liberty Kids will keep parents informed of all transitional dates as issued by the local feeder primary schools.
- We will supply details of your child's progress to their new school via a 'Progression Tracker Document'.
- Parents will be given 'Readiness for School' information.
- Parents will be given a 'Progress Report' on their child at the end of term.
- Many of the independence skills we encourage in the nursery are in preparation for school.