

# SEND News – transition



Hello there, I hope everyone is well this week and are continuing to stay safe.

We have been thinking about the extension to our in-school offer a lot in schools and as a Trust and will continue to plan carefully for the transition back in to schools although we do not know exactly when this will be as yet. Keeping the whole school community safe is uppermost in our plans. Ensuring that our children and young people with SEND feel secure is extremely important and I will be liaising with the SENCOs in the team to prioritise clear and effective transitions. This may well look different in different schools and for individual children. Stay safe for now everyone...

With best wishes, Sue Fulbrook (SEND Director)

Some fantastic home learning from across the Acorn Education Trust...



## Why is transition so important?

For many children, transition points in school life can be challenging. Concerns might be around social situations (friends, bullying and getting to know new people) or educational such as new teaching styles, workload and homework. Equally, practical issues will crop up related to the environment and surroundings.

It is vital to engage children in transition periods, listen to their worries and provide opportunities to tackle the negatives and emphasise the positives.

Unfortunately, the coronavirus situation is affecting transition programmes in our secondary schools, but schools are planning alternatives to enable this process to be as smooth as possible.

A few tips for parents on supporting transition to a new school:

- Look at the website of your child's next school with them. Look at the photos. Look at extra-curricular activities and subject pages. Make a list of all the positives.
- Make a one page profile with your child to share with the new school – include strengths and challenges plus strategies which help.
- Research the school day and plan your new routines at home.
- Practise getting equipment and uniform ready.
- Keep an eye for updates on the new school's website.