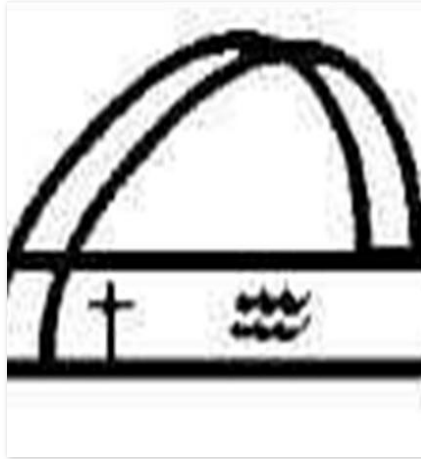


Runcorn All Saints C of E Primary School



Information for a SMOOTH transition

Transition is important

Leaving preschool or nursery behind and entering Reception is a big step.

When children set off for their first day at 'big school', they should be full of positive emotions – **excitement, confidence** and **happiness**.

This happens if the children know exactly **where they are going, who will be there, what they will be able to do** when they get there and **how long** they will be staying there.

A successful transition means children settle quickly into school, learning and developing from day one.

Transition will be successful if:

- practitioners know each child, including their interests and needs;
- the school is able to meet these interests and needs;
- practitioners have formed a relationship with each family;
- children know the practitioners;
- children are familiar and happy with their new school environment, its routines and expectations;
- children have met and made friends with some of the other children who will be in their class.

How will we achieve a smooth transition?

- Practitioners develop strong relationships with feeder pre-schools and nurseries .
- Practitioners will liaise with parents and colleagues in children's preschools to gather essential information about the children in the summer term before children start school.
- Practitioners will visit the children in their preschools to gain essential knowledge about their favourite places to play.
- Parents and families will be invited to a welcome meeting in school to provide important information before the school year begins.
- We offer home visits to all children and their families so children can meet their new teachers in their familiar surroundings.
- We will invite children to 3 x stay and play sessions in school for a whole morning or afternoon so that children can become familiar with the classroom environments both indoors and outdoors.
- Children will be supported by a Year 6 buddy to encourage strong relationships.
- Any extra meetings will be accommodated to support as and when required.