

Transition
@ South End
Junior



Pocket Guide



In school

Each year at South End Junior School we aim to make transition as easy as possible. This is a time where some children can feel very anxious and worried.

Our transition process has been designed and developed to alleviate any of these problems that can arise during this time of change. The classes are mixed years it is deemed necessary, ensuring that the children develop different relationships and are familiar with changing friendship groups.

During the summer term, we endeavour to provide at least two days where the children will spend time with their new teachers. This will help to develop relationships before the beginning of the term in September.

During the year we provide opportunities for children to work collaboratively across year groups, key stages and schools.

Year 2-3

Over the past 5 years an extremely effective transition process has been developed. This includes the following:

- Book Buddies set up (Year 2 and Year 3 children are buddied) and meet regularly, initially at the infant school
- Year 2 children are invited to South End Junior whole school events
- Informal coffee mornings for Year 2 parents and carers
- Tours of our learning environment for parents/children

Beyond South End

Transition begins in September in Year 6 when the secondary schools visit us to provide assemblies about their schools. This is aimed at helping children to make informed choices about the secondary schools they apply to.

In the summer term in Year 6, we participate in several taster sessions organised the secondary schools we feed to. Here, children informally meet with the Year 7 tutors and adults linked to Year 7 and take part in a sample lesson.

Towards the end of the summer term, the children also attend a full transfer day (or two) to further familiarise themselves with staff, routines and expectations.