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**TRANSITION TO
SECONDARY SCHOOL
INFORMATION SESSION**

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GROUND RULES FOR ZOOM SESSION

- Welcome to this Zoom session
- Please use the mute button when you join
- If you want to ask a question, please type it into the chat. You can also use this feature to comment on something while another person is speaking. This means there are no interruptions, and we can return to your comments later.
- If you have a question that has not been answered, you can put your hand up towards the end of the session
- **We will send you the resources from this session and email you links to useful websites/information**

AIMS OF THIS SESSION

- Provide information on how to find the right school for your child
- Explain the admissions process
- Provide information on schools in Enfield
- Give other information sources
- Determine the next steps for you and your child

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What does transition mean?

Starting school for the first time or changing from primary to secondary schoolthe importance of planning and preparation to ensure a good transition

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2 different processes: Process 1

If a child does not have an Education, Health and Care Plan:

- Transfer is co-ordinated by the Admissions' team
- You can choose up to 6 schools, but not a special school
- The application is completed online by the last day of October
- Check in the Enfield schools guide if you need to complete a supplementary form for the school

Process 2 – Education Health and Care Plan

If your child has an EHCP:

- Transfer is co-ordinated by the SEN team at Enfield Council
- You can express a preference for the school(s) you wish to be considered for your child
- You can name a special school as preference
- The Local Authority will consult with your local school, so find out as much as you can about it
- The form is completed [not online] in @ mid October and sent to the SEN team

What is different about secondary school?

Lots... but specifically for children with additional needs

- More structure – timetable
- Form room
- Different classrooms for every lesson
- More teachers
- More pupils
- Bigger buildings
- More noise
- Bigger grounds/bigger dining area/bigger library/IT suite



Looking at schools

- *No open Evenings this year due to Covid 19*
- Some schools held virtual open mornings/evenings and parents had an opportunity to meet the Headteacher online
- Some schools have virtual open evening materials and presentations on their websites
- Some schools have a selection of videos online, to give an idea of the learning experiences in the school
- Some schools have a FAQ section
- Some schools are conducting small tours which need to be booked in advance



Getting more information about schools

- Look at Enfield Local Offer for the most up to date information (Links at end of page)
- Guide to secondary schools in Enfield booklet
- School websites – read the school’s SEN Information Report
- Ofsted reports
- Read all the information on the website to get a better idea of how pupils access learning
- Read bulletins and newsletters sent to parents, to get an idea of activities and events at the school
- Talk to other parents – but remember - what works for one child might not be suitable for your child.



Speak to the school to discuss your child..

- Call the school and ask to speak to the special educational needs co-ordinator (SENCO)
- You could send an email to the SENCO and ask if you can arrange a telephone meeting
- Read the SEN Information report for details about pastoral support and how the school supports children with SEN
- Read your child's reports and the EHCP, so you are clear about what specific questions you want to ask



Speak to your primary school

- Your child's teacher and the Senco will be able to answer many of your questions
- Find out about transition visits and meetings with the new school
- Will your child be able to meet some of the staff in the summer term?
- How many visits will your child have at the new school?
- Does your child have a pupil passport/one page profile which could be shared with the secondary school/or you could suggest this to the secondary school?



Going to secondary school...

- Is a big step
- There will be a period of adjustment so try to remain positive with your child
- Will never be 100% right – what % would you be happy with...?



For more information...

Enfield Local Offer: Mainstream schools and specialist provision:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/local-offer/schools-with-specialist-provision>

School Admission Applications:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/school-admissions-and-information/admissions-applications/#8>

Transitioning to secondary school – BBC:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/transitioning-to-secondary-school/zkc9pg8>

Family Lives – changing schools:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/primary/learning-school/changing-primary-schools/>

Our Voice Enfield:

<https://www.ourvoiceenfield.org.uk/>

Every Parent & Child – Enfield Sendiass:

<https://epandc.org.uk/>

