

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 or Discoverers and onwards from our Explorers and Adventurers to Discoverers.

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 parents, 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 is encouraged and valued.

PRACTICE

Transition from Explorers to Adventurers

- Explorers and Adventurer rooms are considered 'one' we meet up at regular times during each week, usually in the Adventurer room, to ensure that a sense of 'community' is clearly established.
- Our Explorer and Adventurers will get to know the team as a 'whole' across both rooms.
- Explorers will transition to the Adventurers over a long period of time, so when the final transition takes place, its 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 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' key carer when they transition to the toddler permanently.

Transition from Toddlers to Pre-School

- Parents are invited to meet the staff who will be working with their child and 'new' Key Carer, to have a look around Discoverers and feel comfortable with the new environment.
- Parents receive an information pack, this contains information on transition and how it works, an introductory welcome pack is available to view online at www.libertykids.co.uk and a routine 'all about me' sheet.
- We allocate a Discoverer team member to work in the Adventurer room for a period of time to get to know the children and help form early bonds.
- Any children with SEN requirements are identified and support allocated prior to the transition.

Transition from Discoverers to Primary School

- Teachers will be invited to visit Liberty Kids to meet the children to all the local feeder primary schools, we will support each schools transitional plan to primary school. (It may vary between schools, but generally includes a parents meeting in later Spring at the new school, then two visits to school).
- We will supply details of your child's progress to their new school.
- Part of our final topic in the preschool summer term is 'Changes' and the issues of change are explored.
- Children also complete a 'What happens in School?' sheet in readiness for transition.
- Many of the independence skills we encourage in the nursery are in preparation for school.