

Top tips for supporting children with autism transitioning to school

- 1 - Contact the child's school and arrange a transition meeting- this is an opportunity to exchange information and to make plans to make transition smoother
- 2 - Make a plan of who will do what to aid the child's transition
- 3 - Forward all information/reports to the school (once parental consent is given)
- 4 - Complete the communication passport and forward it to the school
- 5 - Complete the all about my new school booklet and read it to the child
- 6 - If possible allow the child to visit the new school and meet their new teacher
- 7 - Invite the new teacher to see the child in the setting
- 8 - All child's equipment to be sent when the child leaves
- 9 - Make a follow-up visit or phone call once the child has settled



Play activities:

- Talk to children about moving on to school at group times
- Turn the home corner into school
- Have a dress up in your new school uniform day
- Have a leaving party
- Read stories about going to school
- Create a social story
- Show photos of the new school

Parents:

- Read the all about my new school book
- Walk to the new school explaining this will be your big school
- Visit the school with your child
- Attend the transition meeting to share information and address any concerns

