

Primary School teachers/support staff may not have the opportunity to talk to individual pupils to about how they feel about moving to Secondary School and how they are coping with school. 'How's School' provides an opportunity for school staff to record a child's positive thoughts about transition and the child's opinion on any areas they may need help with in their new school. It is a useful and novel way of transferring information from Primary to Secondary School or providing evidence of the child's opinion in a Special Education Needs (SEN) review meeting.

Aims of the activity

- To record pupils' positive feelings about moving to Secondary School and areas they may need help with

Instructions for activity

- 'How's School' is best administered one to one
- Print the 'How's School' worksheet
- Talk about the questions with the child and encourage him/her to think of three answers for each section
- Children may like to consider alternative areas they'd like help with such as finding out where the toilets are in the Secondary School or their new form tutor's name

Adapting the activity

- If completed before the child visits the Secondary School for the day, 'How's School' can act as a goal setting prompt. Using the 'three things you'd like help with' section, encourage the child to think of ways in which they could work to change these aspects. You can then help the child to set appropriate goals for these aspects. The originally completed 'How's School' document can then be reviewed and recompleted at a later date. This may encourage the child to see areas that they've improved on.
- Encouraging the child to re-read and think about the 'three things you're looking forward to' section will encourage the child to focus on positive aspects of the transition process.

Can you answer the questions below to tell us bit more about how

YOU

feel before you move up to Secondary School?

Remember that the information is **top secret** and only your teacher or parent will read your answers.

Can you write 3 things you're looking forward to in Secondary School?

1. _____
- _____
2. _____
- _____
3. _____
- _____

Can you write 3 things you think you'd like help with in Secondary School?

1. _____
- _____
2. _____
- _____
3. _____
- _____

