Equal Opportunities:

We recognise that for some children transition may be a stressful period of time that can affect their progress. We will ensure we identify those children requiring special attention/support, whatever their race/colour/gender/beliefs or disability, at an early stage. This may take the form of additional visits for pupils to ensure they transition as smoothly as possible.

Parents/Carers will be involved in as much as possible at all stages of the transition process.

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Here at Ringwood CE Infant School we recognise how important a successful transition is to all pupils and families. We want all children to have a positive transition and to settle as quickly as possible into their new environment. Where necessary an enhanced programme is put in place to meet particular needs.

We work closely in partnership with our Pre-Schools, Nurseries and feeder Junior Schools and plan a number of events throughout the year to assist with this.

Transition from Pre-school to Year R
On Acceptance of a School Place

Starting school is a tremendously big step for all children. At Ringwood CE Infant School we seek to make this step an easy and enjoyable one for both parent and child. We are committed to meeting the needs of all children. We work very closely with our preschools and nurseries and our aim is to make transition as smooth as possible for all children through effective planning, communication and events.

- Preschool Visits – Our School Year R team visit preschool/nurseries in the Summer term.
- Stay and Play Visits - your child will be invited to visit Year R.
- Cluster Group Meetings for Year R and Pre-school practitioners to discuss good practice and individual children.
- School and Curriculum Information Evenings for Parents – July/Sept
- Changeover Day, an opportunity for your child to spend time with their new class teacher – July
- Home Visits – In September the Class teacher and Teaching Assistant will visit in their home to build relationships and to gather any additional information you would like to provide.

Transition from Year Group to Year Group

Children can find moving between year groups exciting, unsettling and even scary. Here at Ringwood C.E Infant School we acknowledge this change and ensure special provisions are in place to help children feel safe and happy. Transition from each Year Group is supported, so that the children have met with their new teachers and are familiar with the new classroom environment and organisation, before starting their new year in September.

It is important that the children gradually develop their independence as they move through school and our transition is key in ensuring children continue to be happy, confident learners in their new environment. At key transition points the following will happen:-

- Year R – Year 1 transition: These children are likely to be mixed across the year group and will form 3 new mixed Year 1 classes. They will have an opportunity to spend time with their new teacher and classmates on Changeover Day in July.
- Year 1 – Year 2 transition: These children are likely to be mixed across the year group and will form 3 new mixed classes. They have the opportunity to spend time with their teacher on Changeover Day in July.
- Parents will have the opportunity to meet the new teacher at the end of Changeover Day.
- All teachers will meet to discuss the personal, social and learning needs of every child with the receiving teacher.

Transition from Year 2 to Year 3
Infant School to Junior School

Moving from one school to another is an emotional time for many children and parents. Here at Ringwood C.E Infant School we are committed to ensure that the transition runs as smoothly as possible. We work with other schools in a supportive way to ensure processes are in place leading up to transition through a number of planned activities (especially with our main feeder school Ringwood Junior School).

These include:

- **Visits** throughout the year: Year 2 will visit Ringwood Junior School for various activities including Christmas performances and a treasure hunt.
- If the Junior School wish the children in Year 2 will be mixed and they will spend Changeover Day in their new classes.
- Teachers: Year 2 teachers will meet Year 3 teachers and discuss the children and hand over key information. Additional records will be shared for children who need an enhanced transition.
- Buddies – Year 2 children will be paired up with a Year 3 child to support and to be a contact when they start school in September.
- Changeover day – Year 2 will be invited to their new Junior School for the morning, where they get to meet the current Year 3 teachers and their new classrooms. They will be shown around the school by their buddy and get to experience playtime. This has proved an invaluable experience for the children from past child feedback forms.
- Parents: are invited to the Junior School for a school tour and information regarding the school.
- Disco's – Year 2 are invited to attend a school disco at Ringwood Junior School with Year 3.

If a child is not transitioning to Ringwood Junior School alternative transition plans and arrangements are made.