

CAMBO WRAPAROUND

Transition To School Policy

At Cambo Wraparound we recognise the importance and value of a 'smooth' transition between preschool and reception. We have created a team approach towards creating a strong link between the two settings.

We recognise that each child is individual in their reactions to the experience of transition, and we intend to meet those needs by:

- Having shared use of school's outdoor area and resources, providing opportunities for single and whole group experiences.
- Use of the school lunch hall for all children who opt to stay for lunch.
- Coming together for joint learning experiences e.g. dance and yoga.
- Joint celebration experiences, including Easter, Harvest and Christmas.
- In the summer term we offer sessions where all pre-reception children will be invited into the reception class. These sessions are a mixture of adult led activities and child-initiated play, giving the children the opportunity to explore different resources, make new friendships, try new activities and become more confident and independent with others.
- We recognise the importance of continuity and support during this time of change, therefore a member of preschool staff will stay with the children throughout these sessions, if needed. The sessions also offer the opportunity for preschool staff to share their knowledge of the children and their needs and any support they may need in school, with the reception class teacher.
- We encourage and value the involvement of parents, recognising their own anxieties at this time, and offer an 'open-door' policy to voice any concerns and access feedback on their child's progress.
- We understand that there will be children who may need additional support with transition and, where identified, we will ensure the needs of each individual child are met by the implementation of additional strategies, including;
 - Additional short stay visits to the reception class, with key worker support.
 - Informal visits to the reception class and around the school site.
 - Support for parents with their anxieties, including providing activities and strategies for over the summer holiday where appropriate.

As a result of these planned opportunities, we aim to make the transition from Cambo Pre-School to the Reception class in Cambo school gradual, relaxed and less daunting an experience for the children in our care. We plan to make each opportunity as positive as possible, securing the right steps for a successful transition for each child and their parents.