



Thursday 3rd March 2022

Dear parents/carers of year 6 pupils,

As you will remember from my letter in January, the Aspire schools have signed up to be part of the specialist teaching service transition project. This means that I will be sending you tips and ideas that you can do at home, to support your year 6 child with their transition to secondary school. Here is the first tip. There are also suggestions of what we can do in school and these will be shared with your child's teacher.

Family Transition Tip 1

You will already have received information explaining our involvement in the Maidstone Secondary Transition Programme. You will have received this week the decision about which school your child/ren will be attending from September. Hopefully this will be positive for you and your family.

It may not be decided which school your child/ren will be attending in September due to various appeals etc. but it is highly recommended that you look through the weekly tips that will soon be starting as the activities/advice are generally suitable for all schools.

- If you haven't already done so, think about how you can help your child to be more independent: at home, do they put clothes away/ complete simple jobs like making their own bed or sandwiches/ make hot drinks etc.?
- Ask who else is going to the same school and encourage friendships. These may not be the children your child usually socialises with but it is always good to have a familiar face in the first few weeks. Remind your child that they will make new friends when they start their new school.

I hope you find these tips helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk

Kind regards,

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