

Relocating & Moving Schools

- A CHECKLIST

Completely uprooting your life and your children to a new location can have further considerations you may want to think about. If moving to an entirely new place, your child is probably going to be leaving a lot more behind than maybe just moving down the road. Moving schools and area can be a great thing for children when done in the proper way. Use this checklist to tick off what steps you have taken to ensure you relocate and move schools the right way.

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| Think about why you are considering changing your child's schools and the potential implications for the move | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Involve your child(ren) early on in the process by talking to them to highlight the positives and address the concerns they may have | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Explore options for a new school | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Shortlist your preferred schools taking into consideration what will suit your family life | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Visit your shortlisted schools | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Plan the 'right time' to move. If you're able to, plan the move at a good time for your family. If you're moving in between school years, moving in the middle of the summer is a great time | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Start a visual countdown. Make a countdown paper chain and a calendar for children to see how many days are left until the move. The days can be ripped off the paper chain to provide your child with an understanding of the timing of it all | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Inform your child's current headteacher about the move | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Review and start the application process for your chosen school | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Visit their new home to help your children visualise where they will eat, sleep and play | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Have a day where you plan out their new room together. Let children help decorate their new rooms by picking out pain colours, lights and new bed linen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Read books about moving. Reading books is a great way to help children deal with something big in their lives. It can help them to emphasise with the characters and verbalise anything on their minds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Make a contact list of old friends so your child can stay in touch via social media or by phone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Host a farewell party with your child's old friends | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If re-locating, get to know the area, the surroundings and your neighbours. This may include finding out about clubs/activities to transport links to joining local social media groups | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |