

## **Norfolk Managed Moves – a guide for parents**

Norfolk County Council (NCC) supports schools in their management of children's behaviour to help ensure an appropriate learning environment for all children.

One of the strategies available to schools to help improve behaviour is a managed move where a headteacher/head of school believes a "fresh start" would be beneficial.

After confirming your agreement in principle a senior member of staff from your child's current school will discuss the possible move with other local schools to set out the proposed move and discuss your child's difficulties and the support required.

Managed moves are initially for 8 school weeks.

Current school, trial school, parent(s) and NCC must all sign the managed move trial agreement before the trial starts.

It is important to identify a trial school that has capacity to support your child so although you may be asked if you have a preference of which school you would like to be considered the school will be identified principally on the basis of their capacity to provide the appropriate support.

Before a trial starts you will be asked to sign an agreement which sets out the detailed conditions of the trial. The agreement must be signed by you and by a senior member of staff from your current school, the trial school and the School Fair Access Team.

During the trial your child remains on roll at your current school but attends the trial school on a full time basis.

Where the trial school is more than the statutory walking distance from home (over 2 miles for under 8's and over 3 miles for over 8's) NCC will arrange free school transport if required.

During the trial you must report any absence to the trial school on the first day of absence.

The trial will be successful if behaviour is fully satisfactory during the trial. Where the trial is successful the child will transfer to the new school permanently.

School transport will continue if provided during the trial.

If there is a serious behaviour related incident the trial may be terminated immediately or if there are low level behaviour incidents the trial may be extended by agreement.

Where there are low level behavioural concerns or a significant illness or injury has occurred and your child has had significant absence(s) the trial school may offer an extension to the trial of up to a further 6 school weeks.

Good attendance is also important and needs to be at 95% or above. This means that your child must attend for at least 38 of the 40 days (8 weeks) of the trial.