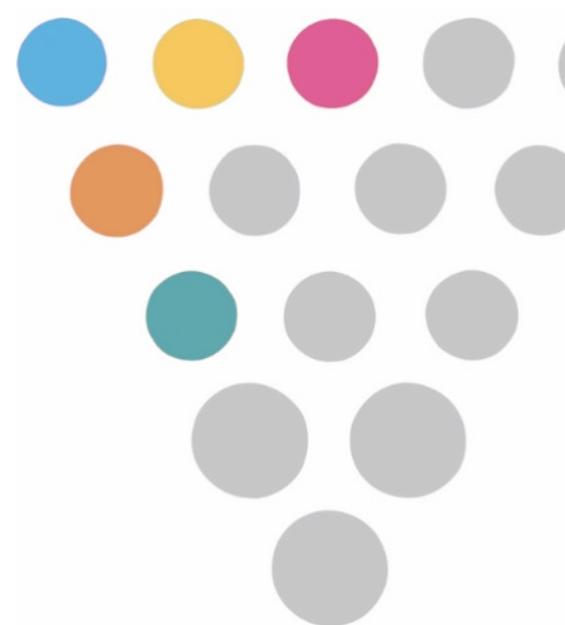


Getting ready for Transition

**What to expect when you are moving to a
post-16 provider**

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What is Transition?

- The term 'transition' can be used to describe any changes for children and young people.
- This includes moving into, between and out of educational settings.
- 'Post 16 Providers' is another name for Sixth Form schools and colleges, Further Education colleges, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Independent specialist providers or Supported employment providers that all provide education for young people over the ages of 16.
- Find out more by reading the 'Post 16 Education Route Planner'
- Times of transition can be exciting and positive but some children and young people may need extra support.

What should I do?

In Year 9

- You will be able to find out more about post-16 providers.
- Talk with your family, friends and staff at your school about what you would like to do after year 11.
- If you receive extra support at school, you will need to begin to think about the support you might need after year 11.
- If you have an EHC plan, attend your EHC plan review meeting, which will include careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- The school will provide information about what will happen in year 10, how to explore post-16 providers and the choices you have.

In Year 10

- You will be able to find out more about post 16 providers.
- Keep talking with staff at your school about careers education, information, advice and guidance.
- Keep thinking of ideas for preparing for adulthood and what is important to you. Keep talking with your family and friends about what you would like to do after year 11.
- Find out more about post-16 options, including visits to colleges or other providers.

- If you do not have an EHC plan and receive extra support at school, talk to staff about the information, that you want them to share with the post-16 provider about your special educational needs.
- Make sure you know how to apply for post-16 transport and rules about the nearest post 16 provider for your course to your home address. Information about Post-16 Transport can be found on Cornwall Council's website
- In the summer term, if you have an EHC plan, attend your Year 10 EHC plan review meeting (this may be the 2nd review this year).

In Year 11

- Keep talking with staff at your school about careers education, information, advice and guidance. Talk to post-16 providers that interest you about any questions you have.
- Talk to your school about the information you want them to share with the post-16 provider about your special educational needs, so they can be ready to support you when you start in September.
- Go along to open evenings and events organised by post 16 providers.
- Early in the summer term, if you have an EHC plan attend your Year 11 EHC plan review meeting.
- Keep thinking of ideas for preparing for adulthood and what is important to you.

What can I expect my school to do?

For all pupils who have Special Educational Needs, your school will work with you, your family and the post-16 provider to get ready for September.

- In Year 11 your school may work with post-16 provider to organise visits
- If you have an EHC plan, your school will hold EHC plan review meetings.
- The EHC plan review meetings will include careers education, information, advice and guidance, and preparing for adulthood outcomes, such as what you would like to do when you leave school and becoming more independent.
- The school will tell you how to find information about transport and rules about the nearest post-16 provider for your course to your home address. The school will send any proposed amendments to your EHC plan and your choices of post-16 provider to a Statutory Casework officer at Cornwall Council.

What can I expect the post-16 provider to do?

- Throughout Year 9, 10, and 11 they will work with schools to organise visits and individual or small group sessions for young people.
- They will provide publicity regarding open evenings and answer any questions you have about choosing a course if you contact them.
- They will work with you, your family and the school to get ready for September.
- If you have an EHC plan, your chosen post-16 provider may attend your EHC plan review meetings.

What happens in Year 11 for pupils with EHC plans?

Autumn Term

- The Local Authority is the Statutory SEN Service and Cornwall Council
- If you have an EHC plan, the Local Authority* will work with you, your family, your school and post-16 providers to update EHC plans as EHC plan review information is received. The Local Authority will send a letter to parents with the proposed amended EHC plan. The letter will also explain about:
 - Transport – in Year 12 transport arrangements are different
 - The types of post-16 provision
 - What happens next
 - Who can help parents decide which post-16 option they and their child would prefer
 - Parents need to let the Local Authority know their views about the EHC plan and their preferred post-16 option within 15 days. There is a form for parents to send back
- Cornwall Council provide young people, schools and colleges with information about the post-16 transport application process, including rules regarding transport to the nearest college to home address. Information is on the Post-16 Transport webpage.

Spring Term

- By 31 March, if you have an EHC plan, you will receive your final EHC plan with a named post-16 provider from Cornwall Council
- More information can be found on the What Happens When? document

Where can I find more information?

- Information about Post-16 Transport can be found on Cornwall Council's website
- Information about types of Post-16 Provider, Transitioning to Post-16 Provision and Preparing for Adulthood can be found on the Cornwall Council website
- Information about post-16 providers and Preparing for Adulthood can also be found on Cornwall's SEND Local Offer website at www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer
- If you have any questions about the information in this document, please email statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk or telephone 01872 324242

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