

## **SPEECH, LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION NEEDS (SLCN) YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION**



The transition from primary to secondary school can be a potentially difficult time for all children and young people (CYP) academically, organisationally and socially. The difficulties CYP with SLCN experience can make transition a particularly stressful time.

Research has shown that a significant proportion of pupils identified as having SLCN in primary school are then identified as having a different Special Educational Need (SEN), or no SEN, at secondary school; this is despite the fact that the most common type of SEN continues to be SLCN.

Below are links to resources and information to support a successful transition from primary to secondary school.

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/communication-leaders/> Communication Leaders is a **peer-mentoring resource** to support the language and communication development of primary and secondary pupils, particularly years 5, 6 & 7

<https://ican.org.uk/shop/moving-on-activity-pack-for-year-6-children/> This pack helps year 6 children understand their new environment, the changes to their routine and encourages them to embrace new teaching styles.

<https://www.afasic.org.uk/resources/shop/education-and-schools/> **Resource pack** for CYP including pupil profile and ID card.

<https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-practitioners/involving-children-and-young-people-with-slcna-brief-guide/> **Resource** for staff to use to gain the views, wishes and feelings of CYP with SLCN to enable them to participate as fully as possible in decision making.

<https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/professionals/primary-and-secondary-school-teachers/> A series of **top tips** for teachers who are supporting a CYP with SLCN in the classroom. These are indicators of good practice in supporting all CYP with SLCN in both primary and secondary provisions.

<http://www.advanced-training.org.uk/module5/M05U13.html> **Training** module with a focus on transition.

<https://www.snivelandshriek.com/transition-14-c.asp> **Resource packs** for CYP and school staff.

<https://www.learningdisabilities.org.uk/learning-disabilities/publications/moving-planning-poster-teachers> A **poster** incorporating advice for primary and secondary teachers with suggestions for meetings, activities and techniques for supporting CYP through transition.

[https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/13562/transition\\_report\\_final.pdf](https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/media/13562/transition_report_final.pdf)  
Communication Trust & NAHT **study**.