



Nurture principle- The importance of transition in children's lives

St Andrews 'child talk'- We talk and prepare for change in our lives.

At St Andrews, we appreciate that transitions for children both big and small can be hard and so we try our best to prepare them for transitions in their lives. Small transitions at school can be things like coming in from the playground, lining up for assembly and moving from the carpet to tables. Some children can find these transitions difficult for various reasons such as too much noise, too many people and not knowing what is going to happen next. Every class has a visual timetable so that children know what is happening and when so they are prepared for changes and they understand why something is happening. Staff inform children of last-minute changes and explain the reasons behind them. All staff are aware that these last-minute changes whilst inevitable can unsettle the children and thus affect their behaviour. Big transitions at school can be things like moving into a new class, moving to a new school and finishing their time in the Nest or Haven. Staff carefully plan ways in which they can help ease transition for the children so that they can be as positive as they can be.