**Supporting Children with SEND Through School Transitions**

**Dainty Little Hands Kidzacademy Day Nursery**

**Our Commitment**

At Dainty Little Hands Kidzacademy Day Nursery, we understand that moving on to school is a big step—especially for children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). As a nurturing and inclusive setting, we are committed to making every transition calm, positive, and well‑supported for both children and families.

**How We Support Your Child**

**🌱 Individualised Planning**

* Transition planning starts early and is tailored to your child’s unique needs
* We focus on strengths, interests, and effective support strategies
* Parents are actively involved at every stage

**🤝 Strong Key Person Support**

* Your child is supported by a familiar adult who knows them well
* Emotional reassurance and consistency are prioritised
* Extra time and 1:1 support are provided where needed

**Preparing for School**

**📖 Helping Children Understand Change**

* Social stories and visual supports explain what school will be like
* School‑themed play and stories are adapted to suit individual needs
* Visual timetables and now‑and‑next boards support predictability

**🗣️ Communication & Emotional Wellbeing**

* We support children using their preferred communication methods
* Staff model emotional language and calming strategies
* Quiet spaces and predictable routines help children feel safe

**Building Independence at Your Child’s Pace**

* Skills such as managing belongings and routines are broken down into small steps
* Visual cues, repetition, and praise build confidence
* Expectations are flexible and child‑centred

**Working with Schools**

As a developing nursery, we take a proactive approach to partnership working:

* Detailed transition summaries are shared with schools (with parental consent)
* Information includes strengths, needs, communication methods, and support strategies
* We welcome dialogue with school staff, SENCOs, and professionals
* Where visits are not yet possible, we use photos and discussions to build familiarity

**For Parents and Carers**

* Regular conversations to discuss concerns and progress
* Clear, honest communication throughout the transition process
* Reassurance that your child’s wellbeing is our priority

**Our Ongoing Development**

We regularly reflect on our transition practice to:

* Improve support for children with SEND
* Strengthen relationships with local schools
* Ensure our approach continues to meet children’s needs

**Our Promise**

Every child deserves a confident and supported start to school. At Dainty Little Hands Kidzacademy Nursery, we work in partnership with families and schools to ensure transitions are positive, inclusive, and built around each child.

📍 *Please speak to your child’s key person or the nursery SEND lead for further information.*