

Parents' thoughts ahead of the transition

Kristy (Henry's mother):

'Maybe kinda like the process of him learning kind of like the new routine. So, he will potentially be trying transport from where we live to the school. So, there'll be kind of like that whole process and the fact that I have been told that the best journey could be like a long time, cos by the time they'll have done the collections, we don't know how long it's gonna be. But knowing that he'll have to kind of get used to that, kind of like going sort of like on the bus and he's used to like the taxi collection that he's had on a Thursday and Friday and that goes really well, but obviously it's a slightly different scenario, there's more children on the bus and then probably like a longer time period, whereas obviously he's just literally go from A to B in the taxi at the moment. So, it will be just getting used to those transitions, would probably be a little bit of a challenge maybe the first week or two getting him just to get used to this new routine but hopefully he's one of those that once he's gonna learn something then he'll gonna be like 'Oh OK, that's what I do' and kind of get on with it and know that he'll probably have a visual schedule with stuff for him to know what is expected of him, we kinda of like handle.'

[Video footage]

Diana (Luke's mother):

'I think he'll be OK, I hope he'll be OK, I mean like I say we've been very in the, he's not a panicker, he's not a...he's not upset by different situations. Yes he likes his routine, but again if he can be free and he can have the confidence to do what he wants so that people to leave him a bit to settle then he seems to be OK and he'll adapt so...We don't know, but fingers crossed and I'm sure they have you know great ...times that we can go up there a little bit and you know we not gonna suddenly just chuck him out day one, you know he's there seven hours a day so and I think they're OK to that but I think we'll be OK, fingers crossed.'

Lindsey (Oliver's mother):

'I think he might. Mainly probably the transport bit cos hopefully he's doing the taxi and I know he's a...not a very good traveller, he likes to escape from his seat and he hates getting in the car, but obviously this separation bit from me at home getting in a taxi with someone else, I know it's gonna take a while for him to adjust to. So I think once he's out there I think he'll be fine, once he's at the school he'll be fine because there's so much to do and so much to see.'

Researcher: And any concerns any fears that you have now that he's moving to a different school?

Laura-Jane (Riley's mother):

'No, nothing really at all. I know it's for his best interest. Nothing is gonna worry me about it cos I know they're trained to do what they need, for his needs, so...It's gonna be, he's gonna be like 'Oh, what's going on' but when he's in there he'll be fine.'

[Video footage]

Anita (Oscar's mother):

'My concerns are he will get overlooked a little bit like he won't realise he's not OK because he's quite settled in his sort of mannerisms and behaviour. By time you notice it generally as which to sort of level 100. I think Oscar's fears are he's not gonna understand why he's there, what's going on and how everyone else seems to know what they're doing and why cos they're all gonna be lining up and they're gonna know that this is the time they line up and this is the time they do that and I think that he's gonna feel like a fish out of water. Not understand how come they'll seem to know they're doing.'

[Video footage]

'Yeah, that's my, I think that's what he'll struggle with the most, yeah cos it's not gonna be any peers of a similar you know, even...I don't know if he's aware, I think he is becoming a little bit aware that other kids do tease him a bit, co he's easy to wind up and he doesn't...they don't understand him he doesn't understand them and definitely he finds it very frustrating and distressing so...I think that will be my main worry.'