



St. Edward's CE Academy Cheddleton

Inclusion Newsletter

April 2025 — July 2025

Focus on Transition

For many of our children, the Summer Term is full of fun and excitement as we continue our learning journey in Cheddleton and we get ready to move from one classroom to another. However we know that our Year 4 class are facing a completely different transition as they move up to their new Middle School to join their Year 5 cohort in September.

We wish you all the best for your new adventures!

Here is some advice and guidance on Transition to a new school , which can also be used by any parents of children who are moving classes too.



**"Big Step, Brave Heart" — Supporting Your Child's Transition from Primary to Middle School**  
**Why Transition Matters..**

Moving from primary to middle school is a major milestone. For many children—especially those with additional needs—it can stir excitement, anxiety, and questions. As a parent or carer, your support and communication are key to easing this transition.

| Emotion    | What a child might say...                     | How you can support...  |
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| Excitement | "New School!"<br>"New friends!"               | Celebrate their growth, talk positively about the change.                 |
| Worry      | "Will I get lost?"<br>"What if I can't cope?" | Acknowledge feelings. Reassure them that you're on this journey together. |
| Confusion  | "What's a locker?"<br>"Who's my teacher?"     | Provide clear, simple instructions and use visuals where possible.        |

**1. Start Early—Talk Often.**

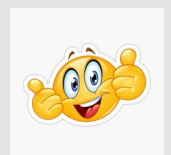
Keep conversations casual and calm—go at your child's pace. Allow time in between transition activities for processing.

**2. Build new routine slowly**

Practice getting ready together in the summer, build visual prompts into your routine, use role play to "sound out" scenarios.

**3. Use information gathering to ask and answer queries**

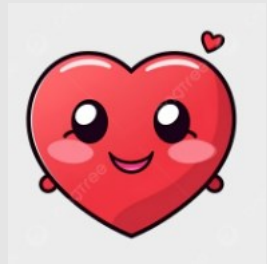
During visits and open evenings take note of contact details and use communication platforms to get in touch with key staff.





# Always Remember...

"You are the anchor in your child's changing world."



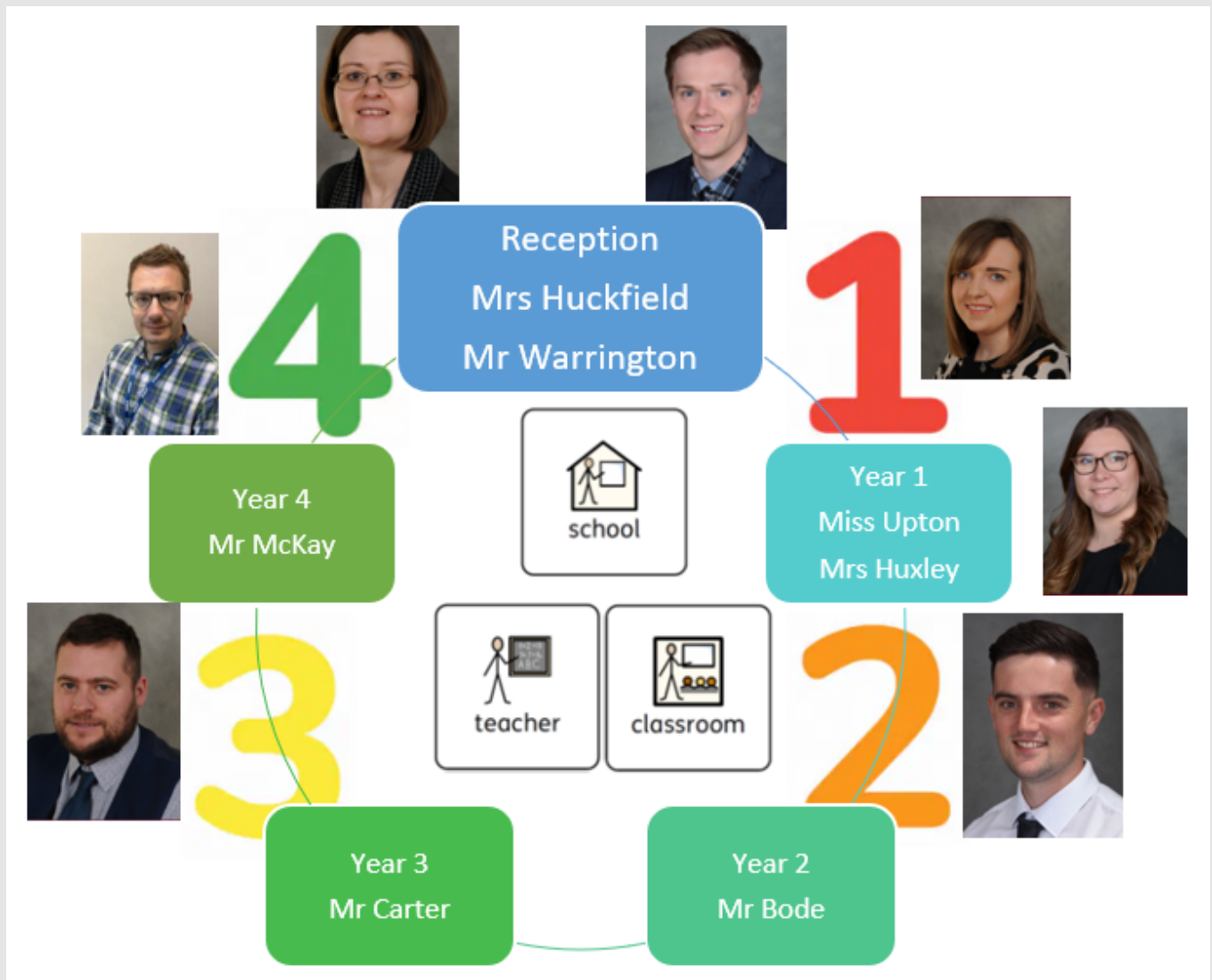
Your calm encouragement will help your child feel safe and confident. Be patient with the process.

Every child's journey is unique—and supported transitions lead to stronger emotional well-being and academic success. Communication is key and if we can support you in any way please do let us know: contact Mrs Talks or Mrs Leese for any queries.

Our main contact at the Middle School for anything to do with Key Stage 3, SEND and Inclusion is **Mrs Stubbs**.

## Whole School Visual for September 2025

Below is an easy visual for you to screenshot and keep available at home during the summer so that you can remind children about "who's who" from September onwards.



**From everyone at St Edwards' CE Academy, Have a wonderful summer!**