

## **8<sup>th</sup> July Transitions**

Today I'm thinking of year 6 again. As we approach the end of term, they are getting ready for moving on to High School. Transition it's called and it's a stressful time for some. Leaving behind the familiar and smaller school moving into Secondary School, lots more people, and subjects to study; new friends to make; new experiences to undertake. Not surprising as we get to that last day in primary school there will be some nerves, quite a few tears as good byes are said and in the words of Aladdin, a whole new world, a new fantastic point of view.

But that's the same for all of us. Moving on is a part of life, opening up to new challenges and events, new people and work. And it can be daunting, can lead to questions and thoughts of "have I done the right thing". But what's important is we keep going, keep on plodding along doing the best we can and making that little difference even in our own lives. And as we maybe stop for a quiet pause today let's remember our year 6 children and those moving on from education and wish them well as they go out to see a new fantastic point of view

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