Ridgewood Community High School

Transition Support Booklet

2026/2027

The move from being a child to becoming an adult is a significant change for all young people. It involves preparing for more independence and making plans for the future. For families of young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), this can be a particularly anxious and challenging time which needs more careful preparation and planning than for other young people of a similar age. With the right support at the right time, a smooth transition can be achieved.

Understanding Transition

Transition can happen for students from key stage to key stage within school and can also take place at the end of a key stage, when pupils are leaving for a new destination.

Whichever transition is being anticipated, it is important that Parents and Carers have access to up to date information.

Local Offer – This is education and social care providers in the local area. These places may be explored at any time in preparation for transition. Use the internet to explore websites of facilities and liaise with Social Workers and Transition Workers. School can also provide further knowledge as to the local offer.

DLA / PIP – This will take place around a child's 16th birthday. Burnley Together can offer support and guidance around the completion of PIP, UC and other benefits. (01282 686402)

Applying for a College Place – Look around local colleges, ask questions and make notes on how the college can meet the needs of the young person. It is recommended that parents or pupils visit colleges' supported learning departments, on an appointment basis rather than on an open event.

College applications need to be submitted before Christmas of their last academic year in school. It is Parents/Students responsibility to apply for a college place.

Applying for Post 16 Transport – Lancashire County Council have changed their policy and now require all post 16 pupils to re-apply for transport. This is for all pupils who are remaining at school for 6th Form provision and pupils moving on to College Provision.

Special educational needs and disabilities school transport - Lancashire County Council

Transition Guide – What to Focus on in KS4 / KS5

Year 10

- Develop a knowledge of the Local Offer
- Attend annual EHCP review
- Thinking about your Son/Daughter's realistic aspirations and goals
- Transfer to PIP – what does this mean?
- Give permission for school to refer your Son/Daughter to the Transitions Team
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Year 11

- Explore local colleges and training providers
- Arrange visits to colleges
- Look at workplace opportunities
- Make school aware of preferred transition option at review
- Submit college application
- Post 16 transport application
- Update EHCP following annual review

Year 12

- Is your Son/Daughter known to Social Care / Transitions Team?
- Will they require transition support?
- Attend annual EHCP review
- Transition planning

Year 13

- Arrange visits to colleges or social care providers
- Adult Social Care assessment prior to 18th birthday
- Attend annual EHCP review
- Submit college application or state preference for social care provider
- Transition planning
- Transition support plans put in place
- Transport application

Local College Options

ACCRINGTON ROSSENDALE COLLEGE	The course is called 'Introduction to College'. They offer Employability/Digital Skills/Functional Skills. This comprises of extra-curricular activities, core subjects, group placements e.g. maintenance and horticulture, voluntary work in charity shops etc. They also offer a residential placement. Students would need to achieve Entry Level 2 and above to access the courses. If Entry Level 3, there is more choice. https://www.accross.ac.uk/learning-support/ Contact Details Mary O'Keefe - Curriculum Leader/ Additional Learning Support 01254 389933
Blackburn College	What they offer? Motor Vehicle, Hair and Beauty and Catering courses Digital Students would need to achieve Entry Level 2 and above to access the courses. https://www.blackburn.ac.uk/student-services/welcome/additional-learning-support/ Contact Details Jill Phillips - - SEND Transition Coordinator 01254 292411 alstransitions@blackburn/ac.uk Anything urgent please email ALStransitions@blackburn.ac.uk or call 01254 292139
NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE	The course is called 'Introduction to College'. They offer Employability/Digital Skills/Functional Skills. This comprises of extra-curricular activities, core subjects, group placements e.g. maintenance and horticulture, voluntary work in charity shops etc. They also offer a residential placement. Students would need to achieve Entry Level 2 and above to access the courses. If Entry Level 3, there is more choice. https://www.nelson.ac.uk/services-and-facilities/student-services/learning-support/ **Contact Details: Tracy Woods – Curriculum Leader / ASL** **tracy.woods@eastlancslearning.ac.uk** **01282 440335**
Myerscough College	Myerscough College is a land-based and sports college and offers vocational courses from Entry Level to Degree Level. The College provides courses and support for students with a range of learning difficulties and disabilities. Contact Details: Claire Thompson – Head of Inclusive Learning cthompson1@myerscough.ac.uk 01995 642222 ext. 2017 website: www.myerscough.ac.uk

Adult Day Care Centres

Some young adults require specialist provision after they leave education. In most cases, the young person and their family will be supported by a Social Worker or Transition Worker, who will complete an Adult Care Needs Assessment before the young person's 18th birthday. This assessment will determine eligibility for support and establish a budget for Day Care Services based on their assessed needs.

Parents, carers and young people should arrange visits to their preferred provisions before the annual EHCP review. Following completion of the Adult Care Needs Assessment, the Transition Worker will submit a request for a placement at the chosen provision.

LCC Adult Day Care Centres

Temple Street	Burnley	01282 437892
Enfield Centre	Clayton-Le-Moors	01254 232018
Pendle Day Care	Nelson	01282 698390
Woodhaven	Accrington	01254 239699
Ribble Valley Day Care/Pendleton Brook	Clitheroe	01200 420440

Independent Adult Day Care Providers

Freshfields	Burnley	01282 832820
Enable U	Colne	01282 506111
Motive8	Accrington	07980 292330
Charter House	Burnley	01282 429094
The Bridge Centre	Accrington	01254 386752
The Base	Great Harwood	01254 885016
Team Rise	Brierfield	01282 427874
Next Steps	Oswaldtwistle	01254 941912

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Adults LDA Team

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Additional Services

Lancashire Young Carers

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