

Managed moves

Information for families

What is a managed move?

A managed move is the formal transfer of a child from his/her school to another school.

A managed move may prevent the need for the child to be permanently excluded from his/her current school at some point in the future. The purpose of a managed move is to give a child the opportunity of a fresh start somewhere else to help them successfully complete their education.

If a managed move is agreed, the Inclusion Team at Hertfordshire County Council will oversee your child's move to another school under the Hertfordshire Fair Access Protocol.

Do I have to go along with a managed move?

No. The managed move process is entirely voluntary, and you can pull out at any time up to the point where the child goes on roll at the new school.

You should not be told that your child will immediately be permanently excluded from school unless you accept a managed move, but it is important to be realistic in terms of the risk of potential permanent exclusion for your child from their current school.

How is a managed move set up?

Your child's current school may discuss with you the possibility of a managed move to a new school if other strategies to support your child have been used and the risk of exclusion remains. However, we cannot guarantee that we will secure a place at your most preferred school.

The person who will make the arrangements for the managed move to take place on your behalf is the Inclusion Officer.

You may be invited to a meeting or have discussion by telephone and email. These are all opportunities for you to discuss your child's situation, and for your child to have his/her say as well. You will not be asked to make a quick decision and you can take some time to think things over if you wish.

Will my child get help to settle into the new school?

Yes. If everyone (you and your child, both schools, and the Inclusion Officer) agrees the managed move, any support will be agreed at the beginning for your child's needs to settle in and make the most of the new school.

In some instances, it may be that your child will be invited to spend a short period of time at the local Education Support Centre to help prepare him/her for the transition that lies ahead. This will all be discussed and agreed with you and your child beforehand.

Preparing for a managed move

Key facts

- A managed move gives a child the chance to turn over a new leaf and to build a more positive reputation than they had before.
- You do not have to go along with a managed move.
- If your child continues at his/her current school, there will perhaps be no further cause for concern. However, if further inappropriate behaviour is demonstrated the Head teacher may consider it necessary to permanently exclude your child.
- If your child was permanently excluded, you would have the right to have this decision reviewed and you would be entitled to make representations.
- Many children who have transferred to a new school by means of a managed move have benefited positively from this experience. Much depends on the willingness of the child to make changes in his/her life and accept the support and advice that will be made available.
- Children who transfer to a new school by means of a managed move in Key Stage 4 may not be taught the same curriculum in the new school as the current school. This may or may not be positive in terms of outcomes. It can offer further opportunity or could be difficult if moving in Year 11 when a main part of the KS4 teaching has already taken place.

Where can I get more information?

For further information please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 123 4043 to speak to your area Inclusion Information Officer