

Managed moves

Information for parents/carers

What is a managed move?

A managed move is the transfer of a child who is at serious, but not imminent, risk of permanent exclusion from his/her school to another school.

The purpose of a managed move is to give a child the opportunity of a fresh start somewhere else.

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.

If a managed move is agreed, the Integration 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.

Can I choose which school my child moves to?

If you decide to find out more about the possibility of a managed move, you will be invited to a meeting at which you may express your preferences for alternative schools.

Whilst we cannot guarantee that we will secure a place at your most preferred school, you will not have to accept a school that you don't want your child to go to.

The meeting is an opportunity 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 at the end of the meeting; you can take some time to think things over if you wish.

Who organises managed moves?

Managed moves may be arranged directly between schools but may also be organised on behalf of all parties by an impartial representative from Hertfordshire County Council. This person is the Integration Officer, who will make the arrangements for the managed move to take place on your behalf.

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

Yes. If we jointly decide to go ahead with a managed move, a package of support appropriate for the needs of your child will be agreed at the beginning. 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.

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

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