

Is moving secondary schools really the answer?

Questions to consider:

- Will changing schools solve the problem?
- Has a meeting taken place between your family and the school?
- Does the new school offer the same opportunities?
- Have you been to visit the new school?
- Have you considered an alternative solution before moving?
- Relationships in schools are powerful, will moving schools during their secondary school time negatively impact these relationships?
- Will a move provide your child with a fresh start?

Safety, security and stability are key for your child.

Please speak to your child's school about your feelings and concerns before considering a school move. Any in year move, especially during year 10 and 11, could have a detrimental impact on their academic progress and this is something we want to avoid!

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What is the impact of changing schools during Year 10 and 11?



Consider any school move very carefully

Secondary school is an important milestone in your child's life and is the key to their future.

Derby Schools want to support your children with their learning and make them the most successful learners they can be. As a city we want to reduce in year admission moves. Based on a study of 14 schools in Derby City, academic results were negatively impacted in 12 schools when it came to moves made outside of normal admission times.

Young people who change schools outside the traditional timeframes generally perform at least one grade lower than their peers across all subjects. There is a strong link between moving schools and poor academic progress, especially in year 10 and 11.

Moving to another secondary school is a very serious step to take and can affect your child and family. Please consider whether an in-year move to a new school is really the best option for your child and family.



Parents are partners in their children's learning

In some situations, school movement is inevitable. However you should always consider the consequences of doing so.

In the long term, is moving beneficial? Will the move provide the fresh start you are hoping for or will this mean transferring challenges to a new and unfamiliar setting?

Moving schools during a young person's academic career can:

- Hinder social skills
- Disrupt learning
- Impact grades
- Restrict academic results
- Cause stress and anxiety on the whole family
- Impact wellbeing
- Effect peer relationships
- Be expensive
- Impact home/school relationships - do the new school know you and your family?



Consistency, structure and routine are key to being successful in schools

