

Moving Up 2021 Report



Description of 'Moving Up'

'Moving Up' is a 90-minute workshop for children in Yr6 to help prepare them for moving from primary school to secondary school. The workshop includes a videos, discussion and opportunities to express how they are feeling about some of the changes with moving to secondary school. In previous years we have delivered these sessions to a whole year group at a time, but due to covid-19 we launched 'Moving Up' to be delivered in a classroom by one member of staff.

Quality, Outputs, outcomes, impact for 2021

- Over 1000 children reached
- 19 primary schools visited
- 38 different classes

We asked the children to rank themselves on the following statements at the start and end of the workshop:

Question	Average Improvement	% of children who reported improvement
I have had time to think about my move to secondary school.	0.9	63.8
I feel happy or calm about my move to secondary school.	0.6	56
I know where I can go for help at secondary school.	1.1	71.6

Quotes from children:

- *"I learnt that there's no need to be nervous because everyone else is in the same situation."*
- *"The kind man helped me with what to do. I learnt that you should definitely go and speak to you form tutor"*
- *"I got to express my worries and my feelings so I feel better. I learnt to make a good first impression"*

We also surveyed the observing teachers. Here is what they thought:

Do you feel the workshop gave your pupils:	All pupils	Most pupils	Few pupils
The opportunity to think about their move to secondary school.	95%	5%	0%
An opportunity to express and find answers for their worries about their move to secondary school.	95%	5%	0%
Knowledge about where to go for help at secondary school.	80.5%	17%	2.5%

Quotes from teachers:

- *I was impressed with the well-rounded workshop. Enjoyed the clear and open approach to make the children feel at ease about their transition to secondary.*
- *Great mix of experiences and lots of child-led discussions*
- *A very well presented workshop which the children enjoyed*

Conclusion

Following an academic year like no other, children in year 6 needed support in their preparation for secondary school more than ever. A lot of secondary schools had to cancel their induction days and open days meaning a large number of children were months away from starting a school they hadn't had the chance to visit. Therefore, the children were in greater need of the support we could offer them through this workshop. Compared to 2019 we visited an additional 2 schools, which resulted in an additional 5 classes. As one of the project leaders, I felt our revised workshop worked very well. We thoroughly enjoyed delivering the sessions, and the children and teachers enjoyed having the sessions.