

School Completion Programme – Transfer Programme

Transfer of children from primary to post primary education: Pre Transfer Document

September:

Topic for the Month: The Recruitment of Peer Mentors at St Aidan's Community School

Stages Involved

1. Information session to all 5th year regarding the Peer Mentor Programme
2. Application Form to all 5th years to apply
3. Reference from members of the school staff
4. Interviews for all completed application forms and references
5. Peer Mentors selected for Training Course

October:

Topic for the Month: The Training of Peer Mentors

Stages Involved

1. Two day training course at The Brookfield Youth and Community Centre
 - Topics covered throughout the Training Programme include:
 - Leadership
 - Teamwork
 - Communication Skills
 - Bullying and Peer Pressure
 - Motivational Speaker
 - Child Protection Information and Guidelines
2. One day team building at Carlingford Adventure Centre
3. After school Programme: *Leadership for Life* Programme
4. Mid Term Break: Continuation of Leadership for Life: Completion of Level 1

November:

Topic for the Month: St Aidan's Community School Open Day

Stages Involved

1. Invites to all 5th and 6th class students in St Anne's Primary School Fettercairn and St Aidan's Senior National School Brookfield. Information also will be given to the students of Jobstown and Killinarden School
2. Children attend the Schools Open Day (Introductions from Sr. Anne, Ms Quigley and Year Head for incoming 1st years, School Completion Programme staff and Peer Mentors)
3. Peer Mentors and SCP staff visit every class and facilitate a quiz on the Open Day and each child completes a review form
4. All parents receive invite to the Open Day and a school information newsletter.
5. Peer mentors attend a class a week for Open Day Facilitation training.

Leadership for Life: Level 1 Presentation – All 5th year Mentors parents/guardians and family members invited to attend level 1 Presentation and celebration in school

Level 2 Leadership for Life afterschool programme begins

December:

Topic for the Month: Peer Mentors and 6th class students buddy up

Stages Involved

Peer Mentors are assigned to a class and two visits will be made for the month

Visit 1: Lesson Plan

- Introduction
- Peer Mentor Visit Contract
- Name Game
- Pass the Question: When I go to secondary school I am looking forward to...; When I leave primary school I will miss...
- Questions and Answers box to be left in the classroom

Visit 2: Lesson Plan

- Peer Mentors will answer the questions from the Questions and Answers box aloud
- Worksheet: What will help make these changes easier for you? (Making new friends, meetings new teachers, studying new subjects etc.)
- Pass the Christmas Parcel

January – June:

Topic for the Months: Afterschool Transfer Programme at the Brookfield Youth and Community School with School Completion Programme and Peer Mentors "Moving On Up".

There will be four sessions of a four week programme working with every child that will be coming into first year in September.

4 week sessions targeting all 6th class students class by class

Session 1: New School, New Start

Session 2: Making New Friends

Session 3: Problem Solving

Session 4: Communication, Certificates and Celebration