**Year 6s and Year 11s Transitions Flyer**

**Research Tips for Families**

* Look at the school’s/ college (referred to as ‘settings’) website– check out their “SEND Information”
* Whilst you are there, have a look at their policies on things like behaviour and homework
* Have a look at their latest Ofsted– remember, this may be outdated, so it’s not a fantastically accurate picture, but it’s a good indicator
* During Covid-19, some settings will have uploaded some virtual tours of the setting for prospective parents and children and young people to see and for children and young people to familiarise themselves with them as part of their transition to their new setting in September 2020
* Use caution when listening to other people’s opinions! All children and young people are different, and we all have different expectations of school.

**When you get in touch with a school or College**

* Explain you are a prospective parent and you are looking at their school to potentially send your child to.
* Outline that they have SEND (give an overview)
* Tell them you'd appreciate an informal get together, outside of the general open days/evenings, so you can talk about how they do SEND in their school, and whether they can meet your child's needs. During Covid-19, the ‘get together’ may be virtual at a pre-agreed time and date. Please call the setting to make arrangements.

**Remember**

* An EHC Plan is required for special school places, including units on mainstream settings.
* A panel makes the decisions on special school placements and will consider your preference for a particular setting (we advise to name 3 settings). Al destinations will be confirmed by 15th February 2021