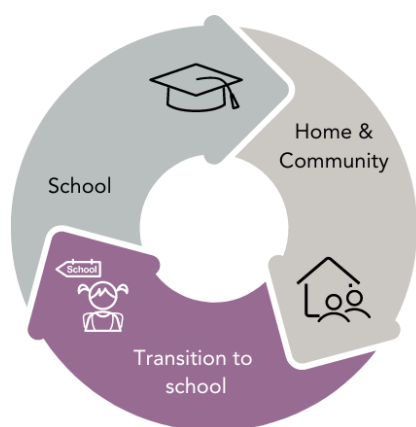


Transition to school

Planning a successful start at school

Starting school is an important milestone and Plumtree can help



Goals and priorities change for families during this exciting time. A good transition involves preparation and planning. When we work with you in this area, your child is better supported to have a successful start and thrive in the new setting. Before the big day and in the first term, we can explore:

- Developing and working on goals and first steps
- Sharing information about your child's strengths and needs with the school
- Organising and coordinating a successful transition
- Collaborating with the school team
- Planning your Term 1 sessions.

How we work with you

Plumtree's transition to school support package differs from our early childhood intervention supports. As there are now more people in your child's life, we do fewer 1:1 sessions and become a consultant for nurturing these relationships. Your active participation is essential for the best outcomes.

For example, instead of therapy sessions with your child, we will meet and collaborate more with you and the school team when required to develop goals and actions. There may still be some face-to-face sessions at school with your child during Term 1, but they are focused on achieving classroom-specific goals.

We can also work on other goals that you have. They may be related to building your child's independence, following routines or accessing the community. See our Support at school and home and community support flyers for more information.



Our charges

To provide a quality service and make your goals happen, we often do additional work at the office that is invoiced. This can include completing documents to access the school, creating resources, or correspondence and coordination with educators, other family members or professionals.

As consultants, we do not invoice families for short conversations to set up appointments. However, we do charge when discussions on the phone or by email relate to topics such as planning, goal setting and strategies.

The reason is that these engagements are directly related to achieving positive outcomes for your child and family. To be clear about the services we invoice for, you and your therapist will create a plan in advance that includes office and other non-face-to-face work.

Please talk to our client relationship manager if you would like to further discuss how we charge.

Transition to school package

The time to start the transition to school process is different for each family. We will work with you to develop and implement a structured, individualised package.

While this program generally begins the year before primary school, preparations may start earlier if more supports are needed. Speak with your keyworker or therapist for more information. We usually begin talking to families about school after a child turns 2 years old, but you are welcome to ask us at anytime.



Speak with your keyworker or therapist for more information.
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