

## Can the managed move end at any time?

Good behaviour and attendance by the child, and good communication between parent/carers and the receiving school will help achieve a successful managed move. However, it is recognised that some managed moves will fail. If the child is in breach of the school's behaviour policy and does not comply with agreed targets, the head teacher can end the managed move before the end of the managed move period.

If this is the case the receiving school will inform the home school in the first instance and advise them of the situation that has led to the head teacher's decision to end the managed move. The home school will decide on the action required as a consequence of the child's behaviour whilst on the managed move.

Parent/carer and child will then be notified of the reason to end the managed move. The child will be expected to return to his home school with immediate effect.

Any disciplinary action taken should be reported to the home school. If an incident warrants an exclusion it is at this stage that a managed move may fail.

A managed move can also fail at the 12 week period if the child has not adhered to the targets set at the initial managed move meeting.

## What happens if the managed move fails?

The child will return to their home school. The parent/carer and child will attend a meeting to discuss the child's future education.

## Which schools participate in managed moves?

Managed moves are not a statutory requirement and therefore those who participate in managed moves do so as a voluntary arrangement. In Sunderland all secondary schools have participated in the last few years. Only a small number of primary schools have participated.

Together for Children facilitate managed moves within Sunderland Local Authority only. Discussions are currently ongoing regarding the possibility of cross-border managed moves.

## Further information

If a parent/carer requires further information on the process of a managed move they can contact the local authority representative;

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# Managed moves

Information for parents/carers

## What is a managed move?

A managed move is a managed transfer of a child from one school to another, which consists of a formal agreement between the child's parent/carer, the head teachers of both the referring school (home school) and the receiving school. A managed move will not be successful if the child does not also agree to the move. A managed move generally runs for 12 school weeks.

A managed move is a behaviour strategy that is generally used when it is felt that a child would benefit from a fresh start in another school. The main reason for a managed move to be considered could be a result of a one off incident or a number of incidents whereby the child's place in their current (home) school is becoming less viable and possibly at risk of permanent exclusion.

A managed move is a voluntary arrangement and no pressure must be put on to a head teacher or a parent/carer if either feels that the move would not be in the child's best interest.

A managed move would take place if head teachers (from both the home school and the receiving school), parent/carer and child have agreed that it is in the child's best interest to remain in a mainstream school and be given a 'fresh start'.

## Why would a child be considered for a managed move?

The head teacher of a child's home school may request that parent/carer consider a managed move for their child because the child is displaying some challenging behaviours and they believe all other strategies in school have been exhausted.

A managed move can also be used when a child has previously been referred to the Early Help - Attendance Service at Together for Children, due to poor attendance at their home school and where it is believed that a move to a different school may have a positive impact on the child's attendance.

## How is a managed move set up?

In the first instance, the head teacher or a member of his/her team of the home school will have discussed the consideration of a managed move with the parent/carer and child. If parent/carer and child wish to participate in a managed move the head teachers' of both the home and prospective receiving schools will discuss the move.

An initial meeting will be arranged with both schools head teacher or his/her representatives, parent/carer, child and a Together for Children representative, delivering services on behalf of Sunderland City Council.

## What happens at the first meeting?

A Together for Children representative will generally facilitate the meeting. The parent/carer, child, school representatives and the Together for Children representative will discuss what is expected by all parties.

This will include the support that will be offered to the child during the managed move period and key attendance and behavior targets will be set. A managed move agreement will be signed by all parties and review dates will be arranged.

## How long will a managed move last?

A managed move generally runs for 12 school weeks. A review is held after 6 weeks with a final review at 12 weeks. Throughout this period a child will be dual registered at both schools with the home school remaining the main educational base.

## What is a parent/carer's role?

Parental co-operation and support is vital for a managed move to be successful. A parent/carer will be expected to attend the initial, 6 week review and final meetings. They would also be expected to communicate with the receiving school on a regular basis.

## Can a parent/carer request a managed move?

Generally, the managed move would be suggested by the head teacher of a child's home school.

A child with a statement of special educational needs (statement) or education, health and care plan (EHC) would not normally be considered for a managed move.

Where a child has a statement or EHC plan the consideration of a managed move should only be undertaken as part of the special education needs review process.

A looked after child would not normally be considered for a managed move. Should a managed move be considered for a looked after child it would only take place with the consent and support of the Virtual Headteacher and form part of their care plan.