LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
To be able to consider friendships during transition to new schools.

Script:
“Many of you have made really good friends with people whilst you have been at primary school. You may keep in touch with some of these people over the next few years or perhaps for a much longer time. Often, however, as we change schools, we make new friends. As we grow older, we change and sometimes our interests and opinions change too. This can mean that we start to look for different qualities in our friends. We may want to keep in touch with some of our friends from primary school and this may mean that you have to make an extra effort.

Suggested Resources:
https://youtu.be/b6eIgrYraEc [available 03/15]
Key outlines – one per child.

Character Coaching
Meaningful Praise:
In your time at this school, you have all shown that you have the qualities of a good friend. I know that you will all go on to make friendships that last.

Guidance:
Think back over the years you have spent at primary school. What have you learned about friendship that will help you as you move to your new school and meet many new people?

Suggested Activities:
Watch the video clip on YouTube of when Harry Potter first meets Hermione and Ron on his way to Hogwarts. Ask the children to think about what they have seen – how did the children become friends? What did they do to start talking to each other? Ask the children to recall more about the Harry Potter stories or films. What happened to the friendship between these characters? How do we know that it was strong? What made it long-lasting? How did the characters show true friendship towards each other? Did they always get along? How did they resolve their differences?

Plenary:
Ask the children to think about this in more depth. What values do the characters display in the story that make them ideal friends? Ask them to write the values on the keys ‘the key to a long-lasting friendship’ – they can then decorate these keys, have them laminated and take them with them as they transition to their new schools.

Correction:
Remember, you will sometimes fall out with your friends, even your best friends. We all make mistakes sometimes, we must try hard to forgive others when this happens.