



# Things to consider before your move...





Moving to a new home is an exciting time, but relocating to a completely new town, city or neighbourhood can be very daunting, even sometimes within a short distance!

Once you've dealt with the essential tasks of confirming your moving date and planning how you'll transport your belongings, below are a few other ideas to consider, which might help you to make the transition into your new home and community much easier.

- **A temporary home during the move** – if you're relocating over some distance, it might ease the process if you find a temporary base near your new home, from which to coordinate while close by.
  - **Supermarkets** – find out what large and small stores are available nearby... this will be very helpful when it comes to planning your food shops around your new daily routine.
  - **Trains and buses** – it's useful to find out in advance what services are available and how regularly they run, and it will also help to keep a schedule pinned up somewhere visible for easy reference!
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- **Commuting distance** – if it's possible and practical for you to try it, do a test commute between your new home and your place of work during rush hour, to give you an idea of timings to help you to plan ahead.
- **Doctor and dentist** – the NHS 24 website [www.nhs24.com/findlocal/](http://www.nhs24.com/findlocal/) has information to help you find out what local services are available in your new area.
- **Childcare** – [www.childcare.co.uk](http://www.childcare.co.uk) is a really useful website which will provide details of a range of childcare options and services near your postcode, including nannies, childminders and nurseries.
- **Local schools** – your Sales Consultant will be happy to give you information on the local schools close to your chosen new home.
- **Local refuse and recycling services** – your Sales Consultant will also be able to provide you with the dates of your bin collections, and this information will be included in your Welcome Pack once you move in.



- **Nearest DIY shop and Garden centre** – Your new Mactaggart & Mickel home will be in pristine walk-in condition on your entry date, but once you begin to settle in you're bound to want to add some creative touches to make it your own.
- **Recreational opportunities, local landmarks, historical points of interest** – why not find out in advance where are your local play parks, dog parks, swimming pools or gyms, museums, cinemas, concert venues and other interesting places, so you can explore once you start getting to know your new surroundings.
- **Cultural events, community events, fairs** – many communities hold exciting events throughout the year such as Christmas and Summer fairs; why not find out in advance when they take place and how you could get involved?

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