



Making Connections

Where is our place and what is it like?

To do these tasks you need to use the Internet website called **MapsDirect**.

1 Click on *Locate by postcode* and type in the postcode of your school. Zoom to scale 1:2500. Find your school. Colour it by clicking on *Flood Fill* and clicking on the school building.

2 Can you locate your former primary school? If not, zoom out until you can see it. Zoom in on it. Colour your primary school in a different colour to your present school.

3 Plan a route from your primary school to your present school. Zoom out until you can see both schools on the screen. If this isn't possible because of the distance between the two, use an O.S. map or road atlas. Draw an annotated map or write a list of instructions to tell someone how to get from one school to the other.

4 Draw and measure the route from your primary school to your present school. Click on *Measure*. Click on the primary school, click on each change of direction and click on your present school. Record the distance.

5 Print out your map. Click on *Print map*. In response to any prompt click OK. Insert a title 'The route from (name of your primary school) to (name of your present school)'. Click on *File* (top left). Go to *Page*

setup. Click on *Landscape* and *OK*. Click on *File* then *Print* and on *Print* again. Close the print window by clicking on X in the top right corner.

6 Draw your route on the printed map.

7 Click on *Zoom in* and then click on the primary school. Zoom to scale 1:1250. Imagine you're standing on the playground. List the features you could see.

8 Find your present school by typing in the postcode. Zoom to scale 1:1250. Use the map to list the features you think you will see from the classroom window.

9 Look out of the classroom window and draw a field sketch showing the important geographical features. Add notes to your sketch.

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- 10 Compare the locality of your old school with your present school. What makes this locality distinctive?
- 11 Zoom to scale 1:2500. What buildings are located near your school? What types of houses are there?
- 12 Zoom to scale 1:5000. Use the map and your own knowledge of the area to make a list of the top 10 features of the locality. (You can ask members of your family for their views).
- 13 Locate as many of the 10 features as possible on a 1:25000 scale paper map.
- 14 Draw a map showing the school and the top 10 features.
- 15 Use your map and other resources to help you write a piece of writing to persuade someone to come and live in the area. Emphasise the attractive features/characteristics of the locality. Aim your writing at a particular audience and make your writing appeal to that person/family.

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