

## Willowbrook children to enter home

and patients will wear street clothes, and the center has been painted with "happy colors."

Tomorrow's transfer of the Willowbrook children to the Brooklyn center is part of the Department of Mental Hygiene's "three-phase plan" to reduce overcrowding at the Staten Island facility.

As part of a changing attitude by the state that handicapped children should learn in a joyful and pleasing atmosphere instead of being locked away and separated from society, 10 children will be transferred tomorrow from Willowbrook State School to their new residential and training home in Brooklyn.

"The entire philosophy behind the modern facility is to break the locked door for the retarded, and for the family to dismiss the option of 'putting away and forgetting your mentally handicapped child,'" according to the director of the new Kings County State School, Dr. Calvin Michael.

Michael said the usual ingredients of a mental hospital of locked doors, long wards, dreary institutionalized sameness and dim lighting has been replaced at the new facility. Instead, staff