

estimate the rest of the 200 will be transferred by March 31.

Large said officials based selection on a child's capability for improving in his new home.

The school eventually will hold 750 residents. It is taking transfers from other hospitals and referrals in Brooklyn.

The new residents, confused and slightly frightened by the attention toward them, boarded a small school bus for the half-hour ride to their new home.

The attendants in white hugged them for the last time and handed them lollipops. One excited child was assured he was only going to another building at Willowbrook, after he became agitated.

As each child left the bus upon arriving at his new home, he was greeted by an "advocate," his personal guide for the next few days.

Most kids adjust very

rapidly, only having problems the first day in being somewhat disoriented, Large said.

Doctors will evaluate the children in the next couple of days, but for now they settled down to play with their guides, and adjust to their new environment.

In a nearby playroom, children transferred from Willowbrook in the past month were singing:

"When you're happy and you know it

And you really want to show it

Clap your hands.