

Create community within your class | Te whai hapori i tō akomanga

When welcoming a new ākonga into your class and school, you could:

- send an email or a letter from the class
- share food and mihi on their first day
- create a welcome booklet
- welcome a deaf or hard of hearing student using NZSL and learn how to use sign language ([Deaf and hard of hearing guide](#))
- invite a student to be a buddy to the new student to provide social and in-class support.

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