

# Create transition stories | Te waihanga kōrero whakawhiti

A suggestion for implementing the strategy  
'Develop ākonga partnerships | Te mahi tahi  
me ngā ākonga' from the Guide: [Te Ara Ako –  
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## Create a transition story | Waihangahia he kōrero whakawhiti

- ✓ Create a transition story that appeals to the interests and strengths of ākongā.
- ✓ Use as many visual models as possible, which includes: videos, photographs, visual images of ākongā and the new teaching team.
- ✓ Offer a transition booklet with photos of the classroom, staff, and daily routines.

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# Offer a range of transition resources and social stories | Ngā rauemi whakawhiti, kōrero pāpori hoki

Develop a range of social stories or visual guides to help ākongā become familiar with the new environment, such as:

- timetables
- lunch breaks
- moving around the school
- drop-offs in the morning
- pick-ups in the afternoon.

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## Transition booklets | He puka whakawhiti

Goodbye \_\_\_\_\_ , Kia Ora \_\_\_\_\_



On Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> December it will be my last day with \_\_\_\_\_ as my teacher.



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I will be moving to a new class next year! It will be at \_\_\_\_\_.



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## Useful resources | He rauemi



### Transition video example

An example of how some ākongā feel about the transition to secondary school.

Publisher: Institute for Social Justice at YSJU

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### Transition social story example

An example of how to use visual images to illustrate moving from one class year to the next.

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