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There are numerous uses for a clear seating plan for each class that you teach, allowing you to see at-a-glance who is sitting in position in the room. You may have access to software dedicated to this task or you may just write names on a simple grid. The value comes from using the plan to support your behaviour management and relationship building and your decision-making about task allocation and questioning during the flow of a lesson. They are especially useful as you first get to know a new class

Key Concepts:

- Q1. Why is it essential to take ownership of your learning space by allocating seats?
- Q2. Name two ways in which you can manage seating in a classroom.
- Q3. Why is it important to learn names?
- Q4. Why is it important to use codes rather than writing names on seating plans?

Classroom Implementation:

1. Script a conversation in which a new student has joined your class. How do you build buy-in from this student from the first interaction?