

Appendix 1: Social Story template

(Insert name) ... (Lily's) new school

I am going to school soon!

It is an exciting thing to do but it is normal for me to be a little bit worried.

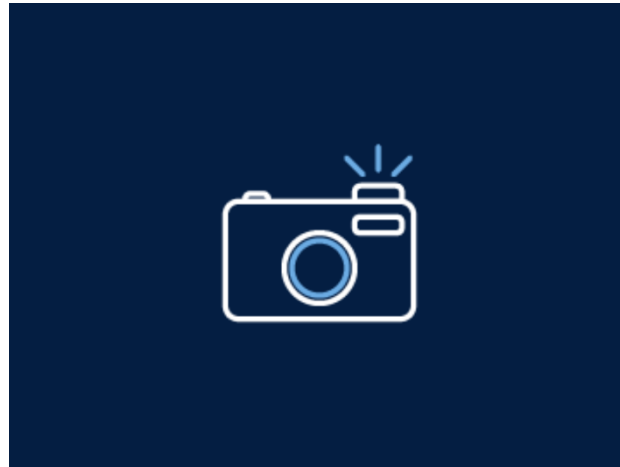
My new school is called... *(Insert school name and photo of school).*



This is the gate where I go into school. *(Insert photo of school gate).*



This is my teacher whose name is... *(Insert name of teacher).* My teacher and the other teachers at school look after me while I am at school. I can ask my teacher for help if I need it. My teacher cares about me and likes to know about my interests. *(Insert photo of teacher + one photo of child's interests or hobby).*



I have a lot of fun at school and learn a lot of things. I might see some old friends there and make some new friends. *(Insert photos of old friends?)*



I might sometimes miss my family while I am at school. Some children might even cry a little bit because they miss their family, but the teachers will help them to feel better. *(Insert photos of family members).*



I wear a uniform to school. *(Insert photo of child wearing uniform).*



I have a school bag with my books inside. I have a tray in the classroom with my name on it. *(Insert photo of school bag and tray).*



This is my classroom where I will have fun and learn with the other children in my class. I will like learning the names of all the other children and they will learn my name too.



My teacher will call out the register in the morning and then we will do some work or play. There will be break times in the playground.



I have a packed lunch/school dinners to eat at school at lunchtime



I might draw, paint, stick, count, play, listen to stories and sing songs at school.



There are tables and chairs in my classroom and a carpet area where all the children can sit to listen to the teacher when they read a story or help the children to learn new things. I will learn about reading, maths and science and lots of things.



This is the school playground. It is fun for me to talk and laugh and play with my friends in the playground at break and lunch time.



My first class is called the Reception class. There are older children at school. There are classes of children called Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and sometimes mixed classes too. Older children can be your friend or buddy at school and help you and play with you.



I go to school on weekdays which are called Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I don't go to school at the weekend though, and these days are called Saturday and Sunday.

My school has a library with lots of books in it. I can borrow books and take them home in my bag so my family can read them with me.



There are toilets at my school and my teachers will tell me where they are and how to use them. There are toilets for the boys and toilets for the girls (*or all-gender toilets?*). I always flush and wash my hands after I use the toilet.



All of the children have someone who picks them up after school. The teachers look after me until I am picked up. Some children might go home with their mum or dad or grandma or another person who looks after them. Some children might go to afterschool care and then get picked up later. Some children might even go home on a bus.



When I am going home, I say goodbye and smile and wave to the teachers and the other children.

