

Starting secondary school



This is your last year at Primary school and you may be feeling worried



about the future. You will have mixed emotions.

This is normal and lots of people in your class and year group will be



feeling the same way. Moving onto secondary school is a big change

but you have made lots of changes before. Every year you change year group. You have a new teacher, classroom and sometimes classmates.

You are part of a new year group, too. You always manage this change.

It may be difficult at the time but you have managed. When you started in Year 5 you had to move to a completely different building but you managed this change.

Secondary school will be no different. It's another building but you have moved into a new building before.



When you first start at Secondary School you might feel a bit scared.

You might worry about having new teachers and having to make new



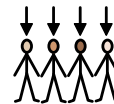
friends. You might worry about getting lost or finding the work too



difficult. If you feel worried you can speak to an adult just like you



have done at primary school. There will be lots of adults to trust at secondary school.



Everyone finds change difficult at first but everyone can manage

changes. You have shown this lots of times!

Taking the SATs

In England, the majority of children in Year 6 take the SATs.

The SATs stands for Standard Assessment Tests.

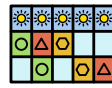
These are 'tests' in reading and maths that can show what

school has taught so far. It also helps to tell teachers

what and how they should teach in the future.

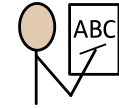


These tests are no different to



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it is just that there are a few more questions to answer. Tests are



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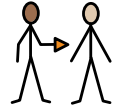


children



concentrate.

If



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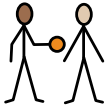


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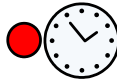
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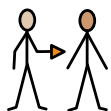


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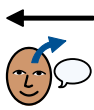
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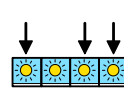
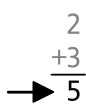
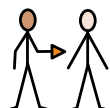
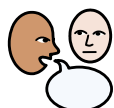
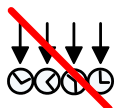
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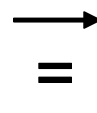
If you do not understand the question, you can ask to



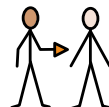
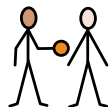
have the question explained, but the teacher or helper can



never tell you the answer. Rooms are usually very



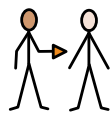
quiet when tests are being given so you will be able



to relax and think at your desk. You are a good



student and you work hard-just try your best



in any test you do.