They’re really confident now...I can’t believe how well they are doing compared to September!

You’ll soon be in year (insert threatening year group name here)

Successful transition starts now...

It’s that time of year when you start thinking of the next year group. You’ve had two whole***long*** terms with your class and have got your strategies and routines down to a T! But soon that could all change.... However, do not fear! With a bit of time and thought you can help make the transition run smoothly for all involved.

**For the new class teacher:**

* Start to note down any strategies that you are using with your pupil
  + You may not even realise it is a strategy but anything you do differently, the new teacher needs to know!
  + It could be things like:
    - Using their name to cue them into instructions
    - Counting to 10 in your head when waiting for them to answer a question
    - Drawing pictures to support verbal instructions
* That look that \*\*\*\* gives when he’s had a bad weekend? The new teacher needs to know about it. Any quirks or habits you’ve worked out must be passed on – this could be the difference between a meltdown and pre-empting it.

**For your pupil:**

* For the majority of the class, having an introductory lesson with the new teacher will be enough for them to relax over the Summer Holidays. However, for pupils with autism they may have more questions they need answered. Creating additional opportunities for them to transition gradually as well as a visual transition book to take home over the summer, can help reduce anxiety:
  + Arrange for additional informal meetings between the new teacher and pupil.
  + Take photos of the new teacher (and pupil together if appropriate) as well as:
    - The toilets they will be using
    - Where they will eat lunch
    - Where they will have assembly
    - Where they will go home/come into school
    - What uniform they will be wearing etc.etc.
  + Some of these things may be the same as last year, but STILL INCLUDE them as then you are answering their questions and it is reassuring to know some things will stay the same.
  + List down any class rules and rewards