When my teacher is away
These stories have been designed to help children learn about school so they know what to expect and can learn positive ways to respond to new situations. As a teacher, parent or carer you can help your child by reading through the stories. You could point out how the child’s school experience is different and similar to that in the story and come up with other positive ways to respond. We hope these stories can make children feel more confident, safe and accepted at school.
Sometimes my class teacher is away.

When this happens there will be a different teacher.

Our new teacher looks different and sounds different from my usual teacher.
Sometimes I might feel worried about having a new teacher.

They don’t know my name.

They might do things a little differently than our normal teacher.
It’s okay to feel worried when there is a new teacher that I don’t know.

There are things I can do to feel better. I can get to know the new teacher. I can introduce myself.
What's your favorite colour?

I can get to know them by asking something about them.
They might be worried too and might need some help.

We can show the new teacher where to find things, like the maths activity box.
We can tell the new teacher where we are up to in our story.
Even when my usual teacher is not at school, I can still have great fun.

I will still do my work and follow the rules.
It’s fun to meet new people and get to know them.

My usual teacher will be back at school soon.
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