



# Visual and auditory aids: The Recordable Talking Panel

Visual and auditory aids are valuable for supporting children's transitions, providing structure and routines as well as acting as a useful learning aid.

## 1 Timetable or routine sequencer

Support children in getting used to and remembering new routines and timetables. This acts as a memory aid and importantly as reassurance.

- Attach a routine sequence to a wall as a consistent and familiar place to return to.
- It is also useful to attach a sequence to a child's desk, this can really aid with reassurance and a calming focus on the day ahead as well as present activity.
- A routine sequence is equally as useful for reassurance when carried



## 2 Family and favourite things board

Support children's transitions by displaying pictures of family members or favourite things.

- Ask the child and family to bring photos in.
- Recording messages from family along with each photo will provide children with reassurance and grounding.
- Look at and choose pictures together, this is great for getting to know a child.
- Record messages together to go with the pictures of favourite things.



## 3 A menu board

A menu board is particularly useful for children who might be finding their relationship with food difficult, for example eating enough or getting used to new foods.

- Choosing pictures of new foods together can be a comfortable introduction to new foods. Talk about how the child feels about the new food on the picture and let them record a sentence or descriptive word to go with the picture.
- Using pictures of the lunch options for the day or for the week is also reassuring. This is useful for preparing children to make choices and allowing them to know what to expect.



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## 4 Story sequencer

Support children with understanding the structure of a story. Using a visual and auditory sequencer allows for active engagement in story building, ordering and re-telling.

- Children can work on being able to re-tell or tell their own story in a logical and comprehensive way.
- Using a story sequencer provides children with valuable communication and understanding skills. They can work on expressing themselves clearly and logically and practice forming a correct and comprehensive sentence.



## 5 A memory board

A visual and auditory aid is very useful in supporting children learning new words and undergoing transitions. During transitions, children can be supported in using English as well as sharing their home language with teachers and other children.

- Pictures can be easily associated with words through the recording. Allow children to record words themselves to give a sense of ownership and instil confidence.
- An adult can also record their own voice under each picture as a clue or as the correct answer.

