



# When my teacher is away...

Social Story (to warn of changes to routines)

Our teachers help us learn and to be kind, safe and respectful with our friends at school.



Sometimes, teachers may not be in the classroom or in school.



They might be unwell, completing their own learning. They may even be helping at another school.

We might be feeling sad or worried about this, but they'll be back as soon as they can.



There are other teachers in the school that will come to our classroom and help us learn when our regular teacher is not here.



This could be an adult we are familiar with, or this could be an adult we are not familiar with (for example, a cover teacher).

When there is a cover teacher in our classroom,  
we still follow the class schedule and school  
rules.



kind | safe | respectful | learning

This might feel a little tricky for some of us. Remember there are  
lots of trusted adults in school who can also support you.

When there are cover teachers in our classroom, they will learn our names but sometimes they might get mixed up and call us our friend's name. That's ok - we can just tell them our name.



Everyone makes mistakes and it's good to support someone when they have made a mistake.

If we need help, we can ask the cover teacher in the classroom for help, just like we would ask our other teachers.



We can be a big helper by following the classroom rules.  
We can use our listening ears when teachers are talking.  
We can clean up our resources and help put things away.  
We can use kind words with our teachers and friends.



When our teacher comes back to our classroom, they will be happy to see us and proud that we had followed school rules and our school values.



We know what to do when our teacher is away.