

### **New school transitions**

#### **Teaching Staff – focus group / workshop**

You have been involved in the creation of I am / We are Stories and we'd like to find out a little bit from you about the process and what you think about the videos.

As you know, the Stories are aimed at supporting children's transitions to a new school or setting and so that's what we're interested in finding out more about from your perspective.

The Stories aim to provide a strengths-based representation of the child or young person so that we can find out more about them.

This session is grouped into three main topics for discussion:

1. The process and outcomes / outputs of developing the I am Stories:
  - a. Initial thoughts on the idea
  - b. Challenges and surprises [prompt: who was authoring the stories?]
  - c. What you learned / what was helpful
2. What difference has it made / could it make to supporting transitions? Is this something you'll be using or considering using for the future? If so is there anything you would do differently next time? Anything you wished you had known before you started?
3. From your point of view, how would we know if these transition tools are successful? [Prompts]
  - a. Student /child indicators? (e.g., better prepared, some control over the process, able to present self in a self-determined light, less anxiety)
  - b. School level indicators? (from both the current school and the new incoming school)
  - c. Family indicators?