



MY SCHOOL IS CHANGING

A Social Story About Saying Goodbye
and Starting Somewhere New

For elementary students and families



My school is an important place to me. I learn here, see my friends, and spend time with teachers and other adults who care about me. I have made memories here.

My school has been part of my story.



At the end of this school year, my school will be closing or changing. Next year, I may go to a different school. Some things may be different, and it is okay to have questions.

Adults will share more information when they know more.



I might feel sad, worried, angry, confused, excited—or many feelings at the same time. There is no right or wrong way to feel about my school changing.

All of my feelings are okay.



I can talk to an adult I trust about how I feel. I can ask questions, too. Sometimes adults may not know all the answers yet. They will tell me more when they know more.

I do not have to keep my feelings to myself.



Even when I leave my school, I get to keep my memories. I can remember my friends, teachers, special activities, celebrations, and favorite places.

Changing schools cannot take away my memories.



It is okay to feel sad when I say goodbye to a place or people who are important to me. I can think about what I will miss, what I want to remember, and what made my school special.

My school will always be part of my story.



The adults in my life will help me learn about my new school. I may see pictures, visit, meet adults who work there, and learn new routines. It may feel different at first, and that is okay.

I can ask questions when I am unsure.



I do not have to know everything on my first day. I will have time to learn, meet new people, and get comfortable. There will be adults who can help me.

I can ask for help when I need it.



I Can Remember AND Look Forward

I can miss my old school and enjoy something about my new school.

I can feel sad and excited.

I can keep my old memories and make new ones.

My story isn't ending. I'm getting ready for my next chapter.

My family, my school, and adults who care about me will help me along the way.