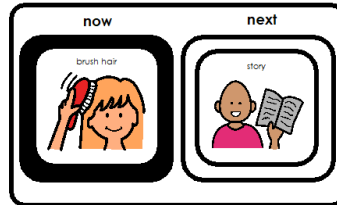


Did you know.....?

Now/Next Board

Some pupils at Woodlands benefit from using a Now/Next with board symbols. This shows them what is happening now and what is coming next. Please contact your child's class teacher or speech and language therapy if you would like to try this at home.

Here's a picture of a Now/Next board with an example. It shows 'now brush hair' and 'next story'.



Now/Next can help **you** to:

Reduce your language levels.	
Remember that spoken language is fleeting but visuals remain.	
Keep your language consistent.	
Remember the importance of routine, structure, and predictability.	

Now/Next can help **me**:

To transition between activities.	
To focus on a task or activity.	
To understand what is happening now and next.	
Complete an activity or task.	

What I you need to do.

Choose two activities that are going to happen in sequence.	
Think about whether you offer highly motivating activities first, second or for both	
Place the symbol that represents the first activity on the black 'now' box place the symbol that represents the second activity on the 'next' box.	
Show me the now/ next visual timetable and verbally reinforce the 'now' and 'next' activity in order by saying for example, 'now brush hair' 'next story' whilst pointing to the symbol. Then repeat 'now brush hair'.	
When the activity is finished, encourage or model putting the symbol in the 'finished' pocket. Perhaps at some point I will be able to do that independently.	