

Secondary Transition

Getting to Know You Games

A selection of games to help children feel relaxed and engaged whilst helping them get to know their peers on transition day.

Did You Catch My Name?

Pupils form a circle. The teacher begins by throwing an imaginary ball (or soft, light ball if available) to someone and says, for example 'Mrs Smith to Sarah'. This continues in the same way: 'Sarah to Tom,' etc. The ball can be thrown, bounced, passed, or rolled.

Sculpt Me

Working in pairs, the children take it in turns to play sculptor and sculpture. The sculptor 'moulds' the sculpture's body into a new position to reflect the theme that the teacher calls out. Ideas for themes.

- Party
- Sports
- Anger/Excitement
- Animals

Funny Fred

Pupils introduce themselves to the circle by using an adjective in from of their names. This should be alliterative. A pupil starts by saying 'Hi, I'm Fred and I'm funny', the next person says 'Hi, Fred - you're funny. I'm shy Simon'. This continues around the circle. A ball can be introduced to the game by way of selecting the next pupil to speak.

Am I Telling the Truth?

In pairs, pupils should tell each other three things about themselves. Two things should be true and one a lie. The partner must guess which one is the lie. Pupils may then swap partners.

Ministry of Silly Walks

Pupils form a circle. The teacher states an adverb for how someone should walk across the circle and then elects a pupil at random. Each time a pupil crosses the circle, they must walk in the way stated and proceed towards someone who hasn't had a turn.

Adverb ideas:

- Clumsily
- Timidly
- Angrily
- Carefully

Secret Sergeant

Pupils form a circle. A pupil is chosen to play detective and is sent out of the room. A secret sergeant is then chosen; they are instructed to make a series of small movements and/or gestures that everyone else must copy. When the detective comes back, they must observe the circle of pupils and work out who the secret sergeant is. They may have three guesses.

Find Out More

All the pupils write down an interesting fact about themselves. These get put into a pot and each pupil takes a turn reading one out and guessing whom it might belong to.