

## Moving rooms at nursery and supporting babies' transitions

To support young babies' transitions you will need to carry out regular observations to help them emotionally through the process.

Think about when babies/toddlers are ready to transition to the next room. How do you prepare them for this new adventure?

You should:

- Talk to parents about why you feel the baby/toddler is ready to move on and find out if they agree
- Meet with staff in the new room and discuss the transition arrangements
- Plan a series of short sessions so that the child and their key person can visit the room together
- Create a photo book with pictures of the staff and children in the new room so you can sit and look at it together
- Review how the sessions are going with the parents and staff in the new room, using observations you have made and thinking about whether there is a particular adult the child is gravitating towards that could become the new key person
- Increase the session times and begin introducing periods where the current key person leaves the child in the room with the new staff
- Continue to monitor and review the transition arrangements and, if all is well, build on the sessions until the child is happy and comfortable being left in the new room



**Remember:** Children should never be moved up an age range just because they have reached a specific age. They must only begin a transition when they are emotionally ready, can be fully supported and when the parents are in full agreement.