

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOCIAL STORIES

### Before you issue the social story

- read it through
- Add any photographs recommended in the text
- Remove any sentences that do not apply to the child you are adapting the story for
- Remove any text instructions [highlighted in yellow]

### Using the social story

- Choose a time when everyone is calm and relaxed
- Read through the story
- Give the child time to react and respond to each sentence/picture
- Answer any questions at the end
- Repeat the story at least once a day, always choosing a peaceful time with no interruptions

### Reviewing the social story

- Consider whether all the details in the social story remain accurate, if not change them
- Only introduce one new social story at a time
- The same adult should not always read the social story – other family members and teaching staff should also read the story so the child knows that the story applies to everyone and the message is always the same

If you need any additional support, please contact Speech Therapy