



# Whole school visuals

Many of our pupils will be regular users of these symbols and will respond well to them; they may give you a symbol to communicate to you their need e.g. for toilet or outside.

## Finished

### Traffic light system

When using the red traffic light system please remember the following:-



RED = anything has finished. Instead of saying "no, don't do that, stop it, you can't do that etc" say:

"\_\_\_\_\_ has finished"

this ensures that the child hears the behaviour or activity first and the word 'finished' last, rather than the other way round. Always show the red symbol at the same time and use it consistently otherwise it will not work. Start with activities the child wont mind stopping such as 'snack has finished', 'work has finished' before using it in more difficult situations such as 'ipad has finished', 'swimming has finished' etc.

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## Waiting

### Traffic light system



YELLOW = when you want to indicate to a child that you want the child to wait for anything. Always use the same word -

"waiting"

For example when waiting for an activity to start, when waiting for something to eat etc. Start with times when the child wont mind waiting, then introduce it at times the child has more difficulty waiting. Remember to start with small amounts of time, such as a few seconds, then build it up.

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