



My first day at school was really hard.  
The trouble is, I'm the teacher.

Photographer Andy Flack

As a good teacher, I like to be prepared at the beginning of each term. But when Jack joined my class, I realised that I had more work to do.

Like most people I didn't instinctively know how to react when I met someone with a disfigurement. But as a teacher, I knew it was up to me to help Jack be accepted by the other children and do well at school.

The problem was my equality and disability training simply didn't tackle the needs of children with disfigurements.

So, I got in contact with Changing Faces.

Their team of specialist advisors were able to provide the information and practical advice that I needed to help Jack deal with the teasing, staring and negative comments that he had been experiencing.

It's been really helpful and, while there are always lessons for us to learn, I'm pleased to report that both Jack and I are doing very well at school.



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