



Special Educational Needs (SEND) Information Report

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WHAT KIND OF SCHOOL IS KINGSTEIGNTON SCHOOL?

Kingsteignton is a mainstream primary school that endeavours to support all of our pupils in becoming well-rounded citizens that leave us ready for the challenges of secondary education and later life.

There are 232 pupils on roll (September 2025) and 42 pupils are registered as having a special educational need or disability (SEND). Of these pupils, 12 have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

WHAT TYPE OF SEND DO CHILDREN AT KINGSTEIGNTON SCHOOL HAVE?

Kingsteignton School provides support for pupils requiring support across the 4 areas of needs identified in the SEND Code of Practice (2014). These are:

Communication and Interaction needs (For example, speech and language difficulties, Developmental Language Disorder, Autism Spectrum Condition)

Where there are concerns about a child's language development, a referral to a qualified Speech and Language Therapist (SALT) can be made: where such referrals are accepted, assessments are undertaken by a SALT and, where appropriate, targeted intervention work is provided to work on at home and at school. Staff receive training on various aspects of autism spectrum conditions in order to ensure that the school environment is inclusive and appropriate for pupils with such profiles.

Cognition and Learning needs (For example, Specific Learning Difficulties – e.g. dyslexia – and Moderate Learning Difficulties)

Staff are trained in understanding and catering for specific and more generic difficulties with learning and such training is ongoing as part of staff members' professional development. The school has some (limited) access to Devon Educational Psychologist Service through the Local Authority. They can provide further advice on the best way to meet the learning and developmental needs, when such specialist input is necessary.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

We recognise the central importance of every child's emotional wellbeing to every other aspect of their life. We provide a relational approach through check-ins with a key adult, strategy cards to use in a quieter space for emotional regulation, a calm corner and intervention support – in small groups or 1:1, when needed.

Sensory and/or Physical needs (For example, visual, hearing or multi-sensory impairment and physical disabilities)

Our school has access to advice from the local physical difficulties, visual impairment and hearing impairment specialist teams, as appropriate. The school SEND Coordinator (SENDCO) works closely with external agencies who are involved in advising on the medical needs of individual children to ensure that provision within school meets their requirements. Importantly, we also recognise that a number of pupils may present with some sensory sensitivities or require occasional 'check ins' for their emotional wellbeing, while not necessarily needing to be classed as 'SEND Support' level in these areas. All cases are treated on an individual basis.

The progress of all pupils at SEND Support level and those with an EHCP is closely monitored by class teachers, with support from the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO), where required. The primary SEND needs of the pupils on our SEND register are communication and interaction related, followed by SEMH difficulties. Fewer children need support with their Cognition and Learning or Physical Needs difficulties. 50% of our individuals with SEND who have an Education, Health and Care Plan are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC).

The majority of our pupils make progress through high quality teaching offered by teachers as part of their everyday classroom practice. This is known as 'universal provision' and includes adjustments and strategies that form part of our Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP) (Appendix 1 & 2). Some pupils require special provision beyond this to make progress. This special educational provision – which is additional to or different from the universal provision – is called SEN Support. A smaller number of pupils are in receipt of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). These plans are issued by the Local Authority when it is judged that a child requires special education provision that is significantly beyond that which can normally be provided through the (financial) resources normally available to a mainstream school.

Nationally, approximately 2% of mainstream pupils in primary schools are in receipt of an EHCP. As of September 2025, the figure for Kingsteignton Primary School was 5%. (It should be noted that the number of EHCPs in the school can significantly change year on year as pupils join and leave the school.)

WHO OVERSEES SEND AT KINGSTEIGNTON SCHOOL?

All Teachers retain responsibility for the progress of all pupils, including those with SEND. Teaching pupils with SEND is therefore a whole-school responsibility and not solely that of the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENDCo). For this reason, parents and carers should contact and discuss their queries regarding a child's SEND with their child's class teacher in the first instance.

The progress of pupils with SEND is monitored by Kirsty Prentice, SENDCo. When a child is not making expected progress, the Devon Graduated Response and OAIP frameworks will be used to adapt provision. Parents can talk to the class teacher about their concerns for their child and will be encouraged to contribute to a graduated approach plan (often this will be part of the discussion at termly parent:teacher meetings). Kingsteignton School will meet formally with parents of individuals with SEND three times per year; wherever possible, these meetings will be with the class teacher as part of the termly parent:teacher meetings cycle. If a graduated approach cycle indicates that a child has needs that are 'additional to or different from' those of the majority of their peers, the school may feel it appropriate for the child's progress and provision to be monitored through the SEND Register.

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL KNOW IF CHILDREN NEED EXTRA HELP?

Not all pupils who require additional help have special educational needs. Children requiring SEND support are those who have significantly greater difficulties than their peers and require that provision, previously mentioned, which is additional to and different and is known as "universal provision". Universal provision can be adapted without meaning a child has SEND, if they access it. This is also known as Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision.

All children's progress is monitored constantly by class teachers and teaching assistants with responsive feedback given immediately to the child. This feedback is part of an "assess, plan, do, review" process which underpins the teaching and learning opportunities across our school. Where concerns build around a child's progress or wellbeing over time, the class teacher will seek advice from the SENDCo. If concerns are escalating to the extent that it is felt a child needs more individualised or complex support, the views of different people will be taken into account. This would include parents and carers, school staff and outside agencies, where appropriate.

The process of implementing SEND support may stem from:

- Concerns raised by a parent, carer, teacher, teaching assistant or previous setting/school
- Observations of the child in class or around the wider school environment

- Lack of progress made by the child in subjects or with target areas
- Interventions not demonstrating impact
- Medical Letters or reports from outside agencies

HOW DOES KINGSTEIGNTON SCHOOL ASSESS CHILDREN'S AREAS OF NEEDS?

We use a range of assessment strategies to support us in identifying the specific needs of pupils.

These include:

- A graduated approach (assess, plan, do, review) system
- Regular teacher assessment
- Phonic screening assessments, especially in Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and Key Stage 1 (KS1)
- Language Link assessments in EYFS and KS1
- Accelerated Reader reporting
- Pupil progress data tracking
- Observations of pupils
- Visits from Educational Psychology (EP), Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT), Visual Impairment Advisory Teacher and SEMH Advisory Teacher, amongst others.

WHICH OTHER AGENCIES DOES THE SCHOOL WORK WITH?

- Devon Educational Psychology Service
- Communication and Interaction team
- Social Emotional and Mental Health Team
- Speech and Language Therapy Team
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Paediatrics (Community and Specialist)
- Autism Assessment Team
- School Nursing Team
- Specialist Nurses
- Dyslexia Outreach Advisory Teachers
- Physical Difficulties Advisory Teacher
- Child and Adult Mental Health Services (CAMHS)
- All professionals linked to Early Help
- Visual Impairment Advisory Teacher
- Deaf and Hearing Impairment Advisory Teacher
- Family Hubs
- Specialist Charity Advice

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I THINK MY CHILD NEEDS EXTRA HELP IN SCHOOL?

If you have concerns about your child's progress or the needs they are demonstrating, you should talk to your child's teacher in the first instance. Our teachers know their pupils well and will often be

able to suggest adjustments or adaptations as part of our OAIP (See Appendix 1) that may help remove barriers for your child. Teachers are happy to speak to parents at the beginning or the end of the day and may suggest an appointment at a different time in order to explore your concerns in more depth.

Following your discussion with the class teacher, if your concerns still exist after any agreed initial actions have been trialled in class, you can meet with both the SENDCo and the class teacher to agree next steps.

HOW WILL SCHOOL AND PARENTS KNOW HOW WELL THEIR CHILD IS DOING?

- Parents' Evening meetings in Autumn and Spring and following the Summer Term annual report
- Teacher assessment cycle (this is a termly process)
- Star Reader assessment
- White Rose maths end of unit assessment
- EGG sheets (writing only)
- End of unit Big Writes
- Read, Write, Inc (RWI) book bands
- Child Protection On-Line Management System (CPOMS) logs
- NFER assessments
- Statutory assessments such as Y6 SATs

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD HAS MORE COMPLEX NEEDS?

When a child's school-based learning needs require a multi-agency approach in order for school to be successful, there are different ways of organising this support:

EARLY HELP

The school can initiate a Team around the Family (TAF) process using the Rights for Children record system with your full consent. See this link for more details [Different kinds of SEND meetings - Devon Information Advice and Support \(devonias.org.uk\)](#). NB: A TAF can be started if other agencies are actively involved with the family.

EHCPs

Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will not need an EHCP and can have their needs met by the [SEN provision in their school, college or education setting](#). An EHCP is for children and young people who have been shown to consistently need more

provision than is available through the school's SEN support systems. The process is explained here: [Education Health and Care Plans \(EHCPs\) in Devon](#).

WHAT SORT OF EXTRA SUPPORT MIGHT MY CHILD HAVE?

We believe that the best support your child can have is delivered within the classroom and through “quality first teaching” led by the class teacher. Most children's SEND needs can be met in the classroom with small adaptations to universal provision, for example learning objectives for lessons being scaffolded to meet the needs of all pupils.

SEN pupils' needs are met through reasonable adjustments to the curriculum and daily routines. Some pupils benefit from joining a small intervention group inside or outside their classroom where they are supported by a key adult to work on specific targets or are reassured at challenging times of the day.

HOW DO WE PLAN EXTRA SUPPORT?

Children who require something ‘additional to and different from’ our OAIP may require targeted support through enhanced adaptations, support and interventions. This may include seeking support and advice from external agencies.

Class teachers create learning plans to map out and deliver SEN support at Kingsteignton School. This is updated termly as part of a teachers' SEN Clinic staff meeting. Class Teachers will verbally share a child's learning plan at the termly parent:teacher meeting.

Individual children who need a care plan approach to guarantee that they engage with learning have a relational plan created with the class teacher, parent and team around the child. This is followed by all members of staff.

HOW MUCH SUPPORT WILL EACH CHILD RECEIVE?

The decision on how much additional SEND support each child receives is based on what support is necessary to meet their needs in the most efficient way. The needs of the children in each class are

analysed and their class teacher plans and leads their learning. Our Year 6 Teacher is responsible for deciding who will be entitled to extra time or a reader during Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) and will apply for this as required. Diagnoses of dyslexia are not necessary in order to evidence extra time or readers in primary school.

HOW WILL MY CHILD BE INCLUDED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

All children with SEND are part of a class and have access to assemblies, school performances, visits, trips and extra-curricular activities.

Risk assessment planning is used to ensure pupils' individualised needs are addressed. Adjustments are discussed with parents to ensure pupils with SEND are included in a safe way that meets their needs.

All pupils, including those with SEND, are valued and can take on pupil leadership roles including:

- Class ambassadors
- Eco warriors
- Head Boy and Head Girl
- Lunch time buddies

WHAT WELLBEING SUPPORT IS THERE FOR CHILDREN?

We recognise that children who feel safe and happy learn best; subsequently, we provide a range of provision which promotes wellbeing. This can include access to a quieter space as needed, check-ins with a key adult and strategy cards.

Staff create routines involving 'brain breaks', 'sensory breaks' or 'movement breaks' for those children who present with sensory sensitivities and requirements, where these breaks help with self-regulation. (NB: Often these children do not have an identified special educational need but the school recognises that people all have different sensory profiles, for which adjustments will sometimes need to be made.)

All children access a broad and rich curriculum including e-safety, anti-bullying and relationships. All children are supported to understand how their actions affect others.

Good attendance is closely monitored and promoted. We are supported in this by an Attendance Improvement Officer.

HOW MIGHT LEARNING BE ADAPTED TO SUIT MY CHILD'S SEND?

- Flexible grouping that supports progress
- Scaffolded teaching and additional equipment/resources
- Revised texts and topics to suit the learner
- Additional adult support
- "Safe Space" or concentration station alternatives

HOW MIGHT CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL NEEDS BE SUPPORTED?

- Kingsteignton School follows Individual Health Care Plans provided by paediatricians and other medical professionals.
- Where regular medicine is prescribed and needs to be administered at school, a named person will ensure this is administered as detailed in the health care plan.
- If Occupational Therapy or Physiotherapy professionals recommend exercises, these will be recorded on the child's learning plan.
- Training is sought from specialist or school nurses to enable staff to develop the skills needed to manage an individual's medical needs within school.
- Intimate Care (Toileting) Plans are maintained by the class teacher when necessary.

HOW MIGHT CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOURAL NEEDS BE SUPPORTED?

Relational plans are completed to support children who have challenging behaviour or need an adapted behavioural approach within our school environment.

If a child is at risk of exclusion due to safety concerns stemming from their behaviour, the SENDCo, or another member of the School Leadership Team (SLT), will meet with parents and the class teacher to complete a risk assessment and will also update the relational plan in order to mitigate challenges. A member of the SLT will liaise with Devon Local Authority (LA) (School Inclusion Team - Working for Devon | Devon County Council) when a pupil is at risk of exclusion. The school will seek

the support of the LA's Inclusion Team as well as any other appropriate external professionals and parents will be kept informed of any recommendations made by these other agencies.

Individual Relational Support Plans can be drawn up in order to support children with social and emotional difficulties, who struggle with self-regulation, to ensure a positive time at school and to minimise the risk of exclusion. Kingsteignton School prides itself on taking a relational approach with all pupils and so a formal plan will only be drawn up in exceptional circumstances.

WHO SUPPORTS CHILDREN WITH SEND AT KINGSTEIGNTON SCHOOL?

- Class Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Lee Goodenough (Headteacher)
- Kirsty Prentice (SENDCo)
- Chantal Hamer (Trustee with SEND responsibility)

WHAT SEND TRAINING HAVE STAFF SUPPORTING SEND HAD?

Mrs. Kirsty Prentice is the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo) at Kingsteignton School and has over five years of experience supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities across the primary phase.

Mrs. Prentice holds the **Postgraduate Certificate National Award for SEN Coordination (PGCert NASENCo Award)**, achieved in 2023, and studied **Psychology with a specialism in Child Psychology at the University of Exeter**. She is currently completing her **National Professional Qualification for Headship (NPQH)** as part of her ongoing commitment to school leadership and inclusive education.

Passionate about ensuring every child can thrive, Mrs Prentice is highly trained in a range of areas that support children, staff and families, including:

- **Accredited StepLab Coaching Lead**
- **Level 3 Safeguarding Officer**
- **Passive Intervention and Prevention Strategies (PIPS) Qualified**

- **Enhanced Autism Training (Level 3)**
- Extensive professional development in autism, communication, interaction and inclusive practice
- **Timid to Tiger Parenting Programme Trained Practitioner**, enabling her to offer evidence-based support and guidance to families of children experiencing anxiety

Mrs. Prentice works closely with children, families, staff and outside agencies to ensure all pupils receive the support they need to achieve their full potential. She is committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, understood and successful.

Our Commitment to SEND Professional Development

At Kingsteignton School, we believe that high-quality teaching is the foundation of successful inclusion. Staff participate in regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD) with a strong focus on SEND, particularly in the area of **Communication and Interaction**, which is currently our school's most prevalent area of need.

Our ongoing training programme includes:

- Regular SEND-focused staff training and professional development
- Autism awareness and practical classroom strategies
- Communication and interaction support
- Adaptive teaching and inclusive classroom practice
- Specific medical needs training delivered by NHS professionals in response to individual pupil needs
- Annual safeguarding training for all staff
- Access to coaching and professional development to continually improve inclusive practice across the school

Through continuing professional development and collaboration with specialist services, we strive to ensure that all staff are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence to meet the diverse needs of our pupils.

SENDCo Contact Details

Mrs. Kirsty Prentice

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCo)

Kingsteignton School

If you have any questions about SEND provision, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment with Mrs. Prentice.

HOW IS THE SCHOOL EQUIPPED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND?

Children's safety and security are ensured at Kingsteignton School through locked gates with restricted key fob entry through the main doors. The school is wheelchair accessible with ground floor level access and a lift option for access to the upstairs Key Stage 2 (KS2) classrooms.

Should specific physical, visual or auditory advice be needed from other professionals in support of SEND pupils, this will be welcomed and the school environment can be audited, with reasonable adjustments being made, as necessary.

The school has additional resources to support children's learning. Any additional suggestions made by relevant professionals will be considered and purchased from the school SEND allocated budget if it is agreed they are reasonable adaptations.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES ARE THERE FOR PARENTS TO MEET WITH STAFF?

We recognise that parents know their child best. We listen to parents' thoughts regarding their child's SEND provision. All parents are invited to attend parents' meetings twice a year to discuss their child's progress. To be present in class and fulfil our teaching and learning commitments, wherever possible, staff limit our parent meetings to one per term for pupils with SEND. In these meetings, the teacher will record the discussion meeting linked to verbal discussion around the learning plan.

For pupils with an EHCP, a third meeting is offered each year; this is their annual review meeting. If a child with SEND has a TAF, we offer three meetings maximum (termly) and class teacher attends

briefly instead of offering the traditional parent:teacher meeting offer. These will usually be after school to accommodate teachers' class commitments.

Parents are invited to events throughout the year and may become members of the school's Parent, Teacher and Families Association (PTFA). The SENDCo also holds termly SEND coffee afternoons for parents to attend.

HOW ARE CHILDREN CONSULTED?

Children with SEND can always express their views through verbal feedback to class teachers and teaching assistants. We act on their concerns or suggestions.

Pupil voice is sought from the SENDCo as part of a child's EHCP annual review process.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE SUPPORT YOUR CHILD RECEIVES AT SCHOOL?

At Kingsteignton School, we are committed to working with you to provide the best education for your child based on the resources we have. If there are times when you feel unhappy with your child's provision, we encourage you to tell us as soon as possible to enable us to work together and reach an outcome that is in the best interest of our children.

You should approach your child's teacher in the first instance to discuss worries or concerns. This should be at the end of the school day wherever possible and with some notice so we can guarantee the teacher is available to speak to you. If your concerns are not addressed, you should then make an appointment with a member of the SLT.

Devon Information Advice and Support (DIAS) [Home - Devon Information Advice and Support \(devonias.org.uk\)](https://www.devonias.org.uk) can advise parents should it be felt any concerns are not being adequately addressed by the school or LA.

Complaints procedures can be found on the school website at [Complaints Policy Review July 2024.pdf - Google Drive](#)

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH TRANSITIONS INTO DIFFERENT PHASES OF EDUCATION?

Transitions can be a challenging time for pupils with SEND. The systems that we have to minimise anxiety (which transitions can cause) is called an “enhanced transition” and includes:

- Extra opportunities to spend time in a new school or class ahead of the move
- Social story picture reference with details of staff and routines to take home
- Teacher transition consultations before transition dates.

Appendix 1: Education South West's Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision

We plan Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP) to support all learners in the classroom	
Cognition & Learning: this can include dyslexia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia and similar traits; memory & retention needs	Physical & Sensory: this can include hearing / visual impairment, multi-sensory needs, colour-blind
Main strategies ✓ Provide visuals: dual-coding, colour-coding, images to support concepts ✓ Pre-teaching and precision teaching of key concepts and knowledge ✓ Explicit teaching of key vocabulary: pre-teaching; short topic word-lists; Frayer models ✓ Chunking: using short and simple sentences and careful word choice; now & next; whiteboard/post-it mini-tasks; animation to chunk reading ✓ Use alternative methods of recording information / supporting sequencing e.g. graphic organisers; dictation including opportunities within home-learning; touch typing ✓ Provide handouts: print the flashbacks & key slides; photo of notes; laptop ✓ Plan tasks which support extra time within class ✓ Read questions & texts aloud as standard or offer use of IT (laptop, audiobook) ✓ Adapted questioning: hinge-questions, team talk, oracy scaffolds ✓ Include planned think-time: cold-calling, inviting responses, writing, reading ✓ Check students' understanding: students narrate their response - first/next/finally ✓ Provide context to tasks – relate to the world around us where possible ✓ Provide success	Main strategies ✓ Cue pupils in with name ✓ Make sure pupils can see & hear from their seat in the class. Which side is better/worse? Do the windows help or hinder? Are you facing them? ✓ Provide copies of texts & print-outs of slides; check font size on printed materials and on whiteboards (From back of classroom) ✓ Explicit modelling with key points highlighted on the page or screen ✓ Check in with pupils during the lesson to identify any gaps in learning ✓ Check individual preferences with pupils and/or their parents e.g. Outcomes from sensory assessments, use of coloured backgrounds etc ✓ Accept alternative forms of recording – dictation instead of writing ✓ Provide rest breaks during activities and assessments ✓ Offer an alternative venue for assessments and activities – smaller room ✓ Label colours where this is critical for reading a resource, e.g. electrical circuits, maps ✓ Promote clutter-free environment, especially around board & front of room

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Communication & Interaction: social communication needs including autism (ASC) & demand avoidance (PDA)	Communication & Interaction: speech, language & communication needs (SLCN) including DLD & stammering
Main strategies ✓ Have clear consistent routines. Use visual timetables. Use visual prompts for instructions. ✓ Pre-warn children about changes e.g. room changes, planned absence, Unknown visitors; trips; practicals; set new seating plans at the end of the previous lesson ✓ Use social stories to support understanding of human behaviours, feelings, changes to routine and transitions. ✓ Always use clear and concise language ✓ Present the plan for the lesson using now & next – create predictability ✓ Cue with name ✓ In-class supervised rest breaks/re-sets, incl during longer tasks / tests ✓ Provide written prompts / instruction cards for group roles ✓ Maintain a calm, tidy, low-stimulus learning environment ✓ Positively phrase corrections / avoid criticism / positive redirection ✓ Provide alternative individual tasks instead of pair/group work; tap into child's personal interests ✓ Use de-escalation strategies, provide time & space, avoid questions to demand a response ✓ Adaptive questioning rephrase 'why' to 'what (what might the writer be...?)'	Main strategies ✓ Individual tasks chunked into 1. 2. 3. on post-it/whiteboard ✓ Scaffolded responses with explicit modelling (sentence starters, modelled written sentences) ✓ Visuals and pre-teaching to support new vocabulary incl homophones or similar words (e.g. vocab mats, mind maps) ✓ Language is modelled back ignoring pronunciation / stammer / unclear speech – avoid long speeches or drawing attention to errors ✓ Plan extra time to process information & respond ✓ Accept alternative forms of answers incl mini whiteboard / gap-fills ✓ Prepare sentence starters for written tasks / give choice of answers ✓ Always use the pupil's name to gain attention ✓ Prepare questions in advance to support student responses ✓ Guided reading for decoding, comprehension & inference ✓ Model correct sentences ✓ Check understanding of tasks/explanations – RAG cards/wrist bands, pupil explains ✓ Use of Colourful Semantics approach ✓ Offer a forced choice of alternatives

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Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH): this can include anxiety, depression, etc., insecure attachment profile, trauma	Social, emotional & mental health (SEMH): this can include ADHD, ADD, aspects of OCD, <u>Tourettes</u>
Main strategies ✓ Positive thresholding & consistent routines to build warm predictability ✓ Planned de-escalation to reduce conflict, e.g. extra time to remove coat ✓ Seek students getting it right early-on; meaningful & specific recognition ✓ Check any patterns in absence – tests? Active lessons? Reading? Other? ✓ Maintain warmth & sense of liking / valuing the student ✓ Avoid drawing public attention to areas of concern, e.g. attendance ✓ Find a connection & identify with students' interests ✓ Find opportunities to praise ✓ Use a restorative approach ✓ Actively seek to maintain an invisible thread – student interests, asking about the weekend/holidays (don't presume it was good), sports etc ✓ Explicitly show pupil is being kept in mind, e.g. 'I saw this and I thought of you!' etc. ✓ Identify why you want the student in your lesson, at 1:1 level, e.g. as check in at start of learning task ✓ Use of scaling (e.g. 5-point scales, Zones of Regulation) ✓ Give advance warning of questions, new topics or seating changes – time to think, process & raise any queries without fear of criticism ✓ <i>* See wider strategies under relational planning & pre-emptive de-escalation strategies</i>	Main strategies ✓ Verbal explanations / instructions are supported visually ✓ Distraction-free environment where possible including seating plan supporting need for movement or to minimise distraction. When hyper-focused, do not interrupt ✓ Support discreet use of fidget tools ✓ Chunk tasks – list, number – to avoid feeling overwhelmed ✓ Encourage brief planning – 3 bullet points to support memory for longer written responses ✓ Use of visual timers ✓ Plan opportunities for unobtrusive movement breaks within class routines, e.g. handing out resources, opening the window, etc ✓ Trial word processing – allows students to brain-dump then reorganise ✓ Offer rest-breaks during prolonged responses, plus extra time ✓ Praise – recognise strong answers, use work as example for visualiser ✓ Pre-teach new topics – YouTube clip, Knowledge Organiser work, mind maps ✓ Set explicit revision tasks – don't expect pupils to automatically infer ✓ Support responses on whiteboards/post-its to reduce shouting out

