

Strategies for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Art lessons.

Individual Need	Here's how we help everyone to grow
	in Confidence, Knowledge and
	Creativity
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	 Praise positive behaviour at each step to encourage low self-esteem. Ensure clear instructions are given throughout the lesson. Provide time limited learning breaks. Ensure step by step instructions are given, so each child knows what part of the lesson they are working on. (For example, the design, the creation or the evaluation) Provide additional time for pupils to express their ideas before the lesson with a pre-teach where appropriate Provide art tools when necessary to avoid distractions during teacher input.
Anxiety	 Ensure the child knows the support available on offer before the lesson begins. Provide lots of opportunities to ask questions to clarify thinking and ideas during the lesson. Teach problem solving before the lesson, and strategies to overcome problems that might be faced. Model how to use art tools before setting the work. Use a 'Now and Next' board to explain any changes to the routine, for example if a child will be sitting somewhere else to complete group work, manage this before it happens.
Autism Spectrum Disorder	 Use a visual timetable so the child knows what is happening at each stage of the session/day. Understand if the child is hypo-sensitive or hypersensitive and how they will manage the sensory work you are asking them to partake in, providing electronic alternative programmes where needed. Avoid changing seating plans. Ensure outcomes are clear, with a clear end point to the lesson, so children know when they have reached this. Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand. Understand your student's skills and where their starting place is. Use Art tools made of specific materials to support sensory processing.
Dyscalculia	 Provide concrete resources to help with line drawing and drawing to scale. Ensure the child knows the support available on offer before the lesson begins.

	 Pre-teach vocabulary linked to Art that will help the child to succeed in the lesson like shading, drawing, exploring and collago
	and collage.
	 Differentiate the Learning Intention so that the child understands what is being asked of them
	 understands what is being asked of them. ✓ Model how to use Art tools before setting the work.
	 Make the most of large spaces before starting projects.
Dyspraxia	 ✓ Ensure the tools you are using are accessible to the child.
	Provide a lesson breakdown, with a clear end, a tick list
	might be beneficial.
	 Provide an equipment list, words, or visuals, with the tools
	and materials that are needed during the lesson.
	\checkmark Model how to use Art tools before setting the work.
	✓ Differentiate the size and scale of a project and its end
	result.
	 Pre-teach vocabulary linked to Art that will help the child
	to succeed in the lesson like shading, drawing, exploring
Hearing	and collage.
Impairment	 Make sure instructions are clear and concise, in case the
	child lip reads, and in case of an emergency.
	 Try and arrange tables in a circular shape.
	✓ Provide sign language visuals where possible.
	 Encourage children to use the toilet before working on a
	piece of artwork, as they may feel this isn't as easy when
Toileting Issues	they are wearing paint clothes and covered in paint and chalk etc.
	 ✓ Encourage children to wear protective clothes that
	make access to the bathroom manageable.
	✓ Use visuals to break each stage of the lesson down into
	clear, manageable tasks.
	✓ Use language that is understood by the child, or take the
	time to pre-teach language concepts including paint,
	draw, sketch etc.
Cognition and	 Provide resource lists with visuals so children know what
Learning Challenges	resources they need for an activity and can begin to
	access these independently.
	 Model how to use Art tools before setting the work. Chysically demonstrate the lesson and the expectations
	 Physically demonstrate the lesson and the expectations especially if following the work of a specific artist
	 especially if following the work of a specific artist. ✓ Support children with their organisation in the lesson and
	model this where possible, before the lesson begins.

Speech, Language & Communication Needs	 Provide instructions that are clear, concise and match the language of the child, delivering these instructions slowly. Use a visual timetable where necessary. Use visuals on resource lists. Use visuals on resource boxes so children know which one to access. Encourage evaluations to be done using pictures and child's voice where possible and then recorded by an adult.
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	✓ Provide short, simple clear instructions.
Tourette Syndrome	·
	 Try and keep the children calm in a lesson although Art
	can be exciting, as this can lead to a tic.
	 Place resources at a safe distance especially if tics are
	happening at the time of the lesson.
Experienced Trauma	 Provide opportunities to be curious and explore the tools
	and resources that children will use.
	 Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to
	understand, and deliver these slowly.
	 Before the lesson, come up with strategies for if difficulties
	occur during the lesson, and ways these can be
	overcome, reminding children that Art is about taking
	risks in our work and expressing ourselves.
	✓ Provide children with extra-large pieces of paper to work
	on.
	✓ Make sure resources are well organised and not
	cluttered.
	\checkmark Ensure the child is positioned in a well-lit space before
	beginning an activity.
	✓ When writing, provide thicker, dark pencils to write with.
Marral	✓ When using pastels, avoid putting pastel colours next to
Visual	each other.
Impairment	✓ When drawing or modelling, be aware of the colours that
	are difficult to see together (dark colours). Instead use
	black and white where possible because these contrast
	the most.
	✓ Make sure students wear glasses if prescribed, so they
	don't strain their eyes, especially as they can spend a
	great deal of time on one piece of art work.
	 Provide enlarged artwork examples of artist work.