

Support and develop social skills

Support the development of social skills and foster positive social interactions.

- ✓ Foster tuakana-teina relationships where students support each other.
- ✓ Help autistic students to observe and notice others so that they can learn from their interactions.
- ✓ Support social engagement with peers and adults.
- ✓ Teach skills associated with social interactions, such as joining a group, taking part in two-way conversations, and reading non-verbal cues.
- ✓ Structure social supports, particularly for situations where the rules or conventions are not clearly spelled out, such as at break times.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for peers to understand the perspective of the autistic student.
- ✓ Encourage whole-school awareness and understanding of autism.

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