

Assessment and monitoring using a team approach

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Identify needs and how to provide support'
from the Guide: [ADHD and learning](#)

Includes:

- Establish a team
- Take an inquiry approach
- Share information using digital tools
- Understand the effects of medication

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Establish a team

Take a team approach to providing responsive support.

- ✓ Be guided by the student and their whānau.
- ✓ Involve your learning support coordinator or RTLB.
- ✓ Identify and connect with colleagues who have relevant past experience.
- ✓ Consider connecting to external expertise or agencies.

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Take an inquiry approach

Develop a responsive evidenced-based process of working together that supports students' self advocacy.

- Support the ākonga and whānau to lead and guide the conversation.
- Work collaboratively to identify key learning goals, responsibilities and what success would look like.
- Share concerns, questions, and ideas.
- Consider ākonga strengths as well as barriers to learning.
- Identify how solutions or strategies will be implemented, refined and reviewed.
- Discuss how to assess learning in ways that work for the student.
- Agree on how to stay in touch and share information.

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Share information using digital tools

John Robinson reflects on the value of sharing information using the school SMS and student e-portfolios.



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Understand the effects of medication

The use of medication for ADHD can be a sensitive issue.

Understand possible side effects so you know when to alert parents.

Medication may at times need to be reviewed.

Medication can:

- decrease impulsivity, task jumping, and aggressiveness
- increase compliance
- improve handwriting and fine motor skills, social relationships, and short-term memory.

Medication won't:

- increase intelligence
- improve reading unless attention is the major issue
- change a child's personality
- cause drug dependency.

Side effects:

- loss of appetite/mild weight loss
- insomnia
- tearfulness, being withdrawn or clingy (these could be signs that medication needs adjusting)
- rebound behaviour – discuss with professionals.

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