

Prepare your learning spaces

Organise the learning spaces or Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) to minimise sensory challenges and maximise learning.

- ✓ Allocate the student a dedicated, quiet, low traffic seating area so they can concentrate.
- ✓ Create a quiet, low sensory space in your room where the student can go at any time.
- ✓ Design the furniture and use room dividers such as bookcases and cabinets to create zones that reduce sensory challenges.
- ✓ Consider sensitivities, for example, seat a child who is light sensitive away from windows.
- ✓ Offer the student a breakout area for when the classroom is overwhelming, for example, an outdoor area, breakout room or home base.
- ✓ Keep the classroom consistently organised in terms of furniture and spaces. Signal and prepare the student for reorganisation of spaces.
- ✓ Consider specialised furniture such as a rocking chair or bean bag to help with calming
- ✓ Provide earphones or ear plugs to block out disturbing sounds for students with auditory sensitivity.

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