

# Value parental knowledge

Invite parents and whānau to share approaches that work well at home.

Use these to build continuity and strengthen engagement.

- ✓ Use phrases and communication techniques that are effective and successful at home.
- ✓ Ask whānau about their child's strengths and what supports and motivates them.
- ✓ [Engage in conversations](#) to identify potential barriers and ask families for solutions based on their personal experiences and expertise.
- ✓ Connect learning to known interests, such as favourite colours, sports, and music into the class.
- ✓ Invite whānau to bring objects and items from home that are meaningful and offer support for their children.
- ✓ Consider visuals that can be used both at home and school to support understanding.
- ✓ Consider furniture options and physical supports that work well (for example, chairs, table heights).
- ✓ Align eating and personal routines with what happens at home.
- ✓ Identify successful calming strategies and replicate these (for example, objects, cushions, quiet spaces).

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