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Take the initiative to make contact

Prioritise connecting with whānau so they can share their insights and expertise.

The first thing I do is spend some time getting to know them personally and what works for them having communication with their parents, making those phone calls, having those meetings.

Also having discussions with other teachers who have taught them in the past. Getting information about what works for them.

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