

# Partner with external organisations and experts

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Leading with moral purpose' from the Guide:

Leading inclusive schools

**Includes:** Create a hub for services

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### Create a hub for services

At Victory Park Primary School the community services are based on the school grounds to increase access for all.



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Superu (NZ)

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# Recognise and value expertise

- ✓ Investigate the breadth of community expertise, including present and past students, parents and whānau, local agencies.
- ✓ Identify gaps in your school's collective expertise and possible solutions.
- ✓ Use Learning Support Coordinators, where available, to build capability across the school.
- ✓ Involve Ministry of Education specialists such as RTLB.

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## **Support visiting specialists**

At times students and their whānau are supported by people and agencies outside of the school.

Consider how you can support these interactions and connections.

Consider these practicalities.

- ✓ The language of schools is often specialised and not commonly understood by people outside the sector. Consider how to support understanding.
- ✓ Who will be key contact person in the school and who is the back up if they are away?
- ✓ Where can a student and/or family meet with someone from the outside agency? Do you need to book a space?
- ✓ What resources will support the interaction: kai, cups of tea, paper and pens, an interpreter?
- ✓ What will support the smooth running of visits? For example, sharing the school calendar so visitors are aware of events that may alter the school day.

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# Connect with community and cultural disability groups



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## **Reflection questions**

Consider these questions in your context.

- ✓ Which experts and expert groups are we partnering with to support ākonga and meet their learning needs?
- ✓ What further expertise do we need to support ākonga? Where might we find it?
- ✓ Does our school have policies, procedures and communication systems that maintain and support strong partnerships with experts in our community?

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### **Useful resources**



### Groups that can support you

A list of national organisations that support students with additional needs and their families.

**Visit website** 



#### Students requiring learning support

Services and aid available for children, students, teachers and schools as part of Learning Support.

Visit website

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