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## Develop self-care and life skills

Work with the student, their whānau and education team to prioritise and develop independent self-care and life skills.

- 1 Work as a team to identify and prioritise skills, for example, at an IEP meeting.
- 2 Break skills into bite-sized pieces by using visual schedules and other picture-based communication tools.
- 3 Create a step-by-step plan to develop skills.
- 4 Monitor and review progress regularly.

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