

Strategies for supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Art lessons.

Individual Need	Here's how we help everyone learn		
Autism Spectrum Disorder	 Use a visual timetable so the child knows what is happening at each stage of the session/day. Understand if the child is hypo-sensitive or hypersensitive and how they will manage the learning you are asking them to do, providing electronic alternative programmes where needed. Avoid changing seating plans. Ensure outcomes are clear, with a clear end point to the lesson, so children know when they have reached this. Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand. Understand your pupil's skills and where their starting place is. Use art tools made of specific materials to support sensory processing. 		
Dyslexia	 Use simple, specific instructions that are clear to understand. 		

	 Clearly teach vocabulary linked to Art that will help the child to succeed in the lesson like shading, drawing, exploring and collage. Model how to use art tools before setting the learning. Model the task being expected and provide a WAGOLL (what a good one looks like) where appropriate.
Toileting Issues	 Encourage children to use the toilet before working on a piece of artwork, as they may feel this isn't as easy when they are wearing paint clothes and covered in paint and chalk etc. Allow child to use the toilet discretely and make returning to their piece of work easy.
Cognition and Learning Challenges	 Use visuals to break each stage of the lesson down into clear, manageable tasks. Use language that is understood by the child, or take the time to pre-teach language concepts including paint, draw, sketch etc. Provide resource lists with visuals so children know what resources they need for an activity and can begin to access these independently. Model how to use art tools before setting the learning. Physically demonstrate the lesson and the expectations especially if following the work of a specific artist. Support children with their organisation in the lesson and model this where possible, before the lesson begins.

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Speech, Language & Communication Needs	~	Provide instructions that are clear, concise and match the language of the child, delivering these instructions slowly. Use visuals where necessary. Model techniques and provide vocabulary alongside.