# Supporting Pupils with ADD or ADHD

Name:	Year :
Class Teacher	Teaching Assistant (days & times)

Date:

## **Background information**

The pupil was diagnosed with ADHD /ADD in...

OR

The pupil displays the following behaviours: inattention; hyperactivity; impulsivity; easily distracted; difficulty settling to activities; restless; fidgety; noisy; continually 'on the go'; frequently interrupts, talks out of turn.

#### Dos

- Position in the classroom in a quiet area with distance between other desks and where distractions are minimised.
- Sit near a good role model.
- Provide frequent, immediate and consistent feedback on behaviour and redirection back to task.
- Be clear, concise and specific with instructions and break into small achievable chunks.
- Give clear expectations of end outcome demonstrating what is to be done rather than just saying it.
- Check with the pupil 1 to 1 that he/she knows what he/she should be doing.
- Use prompt sheet (or whiteboard) with key words/symbols/icons for the pupil to refer back to.
- Repeat information as required.
- Get the pupil to repeat back instructions.
- Stress ball/fidget toy/specified object for permissible fiddling. (Not in assembly)
- Keep page format for slides and worksheets simple use large type and provide only one or two activities per page, ensuring white space on each page and avoiding extraneous pictures/visual distracters.
- Suggest grounding techniques such as pushing hands together, against a wall or pushing down to lift self off chair.
- Use a timer to set manageable 'targets' during work.
- Remind about behavioural expectations during break times.
- Get his attention and encourage him/her to look.
- Give the pupil regular listening/learning breaks by providing alternative, physical activities.
- Agree a private signal system with the pupil to notify the pupil of any off task/inappropriate behaviour/cue the
  pupil to stay on task.
- Allow the pupil to use the standing desk as and when needed.
- Encourage the pupil to write down thoughts and ideas and put them in a box on the desk for later teacher attention.
- Allow to dictate/word process sometimes rather than always requiring handwritten work.
- Shorten tasks if he/she can demonstrate adequate mastery of skill in 5 items, don't' require the pupil to complete 10 items.

### Don'ts

- Get frustrated with his/her lack of work give gentle reminders and positive praise.
- Force the situation if he/she is refusing to accept responsibility use time out/calm down time and talk through later.

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	Rewards	Sanctions
	<ul> <li>Verbal praise - Reward immediate task completion wherever possible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In line with our Banwell Behaviour Blueprint -</li> </ul>
	Stickers, buggies, wow cards, email	Restorative conversations, reflection
	1:1 time with an adult / specific children	and restorative actions.

### **Action plan**

Teach the pupil memory strategies to recall what he/she hears e.g. rehearsal, visualisation, mind map and taking notes.

Other information