



Review Card 18



WHAT TO DO IF...

... you want to inform parents of possible SLDs which affect their child?

Initial observation of SLDs

Since you as a teacher, are not authorized to perform any official assessment, you can only discuss with parents about the official procedures carried out by professionals (private or state) and the possible steps (after an official verdict) that need to be followed both at school and home.

It is important to provide details that indicate SLDs but bear in mind that parents need to leave this first meeting with enough information on SLDs and fully encouraged that receiving such news is a challenge but not the end of the world.

In other words, you as a teacher need to provide safety towards them, since this meeting could be play a very important role in the learning development of the child himself in the years to come.

Appropriate actions

Below, we present some ways in which you can introduce parents to SLDs:

- Meet the parents after class. You will need some time to provide information and answers.
- Explain parents that SLDs are something common nowadays.
- Use positive language and have examples ready of successful people who are diagnosed with SLDs.
- Explain parents that a standard procedure is necessary (diagnosis) in order to tackle any of the details that characterize SLDs. At this point bear in mind that state children hospitals, public institutions (at local or regional level) or authorized professionals like psychologists, special educators, etc. may provide a test, necessary to confirm SLDs.
- Ensure parents that you will be available for them at any other given occasion.
- Suggest some relevant resources (for example the MOOCDys platform) in order to get detailed information and check for additional SLDs indicators.
- Ensure parents that in this path, even if it looks difficult, their contribution – cooperation is a must in order to tackle SLDs effects

Sources recommendation

- MOOCDys Syllabus and Toolkits for Parents & Teachers
- Facebook groups on SLDs
- Contact forms of public authorities which deal with SLDs assessment

- Mindmaps : have a look at our visual thinking tools
- Kanban

- Trello
- Post It stickers

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