



# Review Card 16



## How to ...

...develop learning skills for your learners.

## SLDs and learning skills

The development of learning skills is an important step on the way to educational inclusion for pupils with SLDs. It is easier for many pupils to feel more secure and therefore more successful, when they follow a concrete scheme of learning path.

Often students may develop a strategy and tactics that confront barriers and focus on strengths to overcome learning difficulties, prior to even knowing that they have SLDs.

In this case, a formal SLDs assessment can identify the pupil's strengths and points that need improvement in order to implement adjustments in the education context.

Keep in mind that there are no “right or wrong” or “better or worse” learning styles. Some children will learn best with one learning style and some children will need a mix of all styles.

## Setting the environment

Below, we present you the points of interest in the form of a checklist in order to have a first glance at how to implement your strategy effectively.

- Good and frequent communication with the student is the key to monitor their progress
- Help student to identify their student's strengths and needs
- Create with students a monthly calendar of classroom activities so they can be aware of what is ahead of them
- Embrace curiosity – that will make the learning more fun, you can for example after every class have 5 min of open question session where you will reward the most creative question with a “curious mind sticker”
- Introduce them to long term goals - during learning process everyone often can get frustrated and unmotivated, therefore it is important that students gain a skill of seeing things as a process which will get easier with the time

- Encourage a habit of self-monitoring and taking ownership for student learning process – you can show them the progress sheet in our Parents' Toolkit that aims at helping student keeping track of their activities
- Try to cooperate and communicate with all other educators involved with the pupil's in-school education

## Implementing the strategy

Sometimes the implementation of the designed strategy proceeds as planned. However, the teacher or the parent often need to make sure that the strategy and tactics outlined, actually work efficiently. If there are any concerns on this, it may be best to address all involved parties in order to check for any alterations or modification that affect the pupil's learning skills.

Therefore, it is especially important to keep student actively involved in the adaptation process so they can have ownership of how they learn. Finally, all involved parties are responsible to ensure that the strategy is implemented, monitored and evaluated.

## Sources recommendation

- MOOCDys platform
- Facebook Forums on SLDs
- Related articles published on SLDs forums

- Mindmaps : have a look at our visual thinking tools

- Kanban

- Trello
- Post It stickers

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