

Support participation and build confidence

A suggestion for implementing the strategy
'Helpful classroom strategies years 1–8' from
the Guide: [Low vision and learning](#)

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Give instructions in close proximity



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Communication can be more effective up close. It can help reduce distractions and support attention.

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Create a secure environment

- ✓ Use the student's name when addressing them.
- ✓ Create clear, planned pathways for moving around the classroom. Minimise random obstacles.
- ✓ Familiarise the student with a new classroom layout BEFORE making changes.
- ✓ Encourage all students to position themselves in optimum environments to support their engagement and attention.
- ✓ Discuss with the student the best places for them to sit to access information at a distance.
- ✓ Make learning support tools – text-to-speech, graphic organisers, planning tools and so on – available for all students.
- ✓ Create a culture where students support each other.

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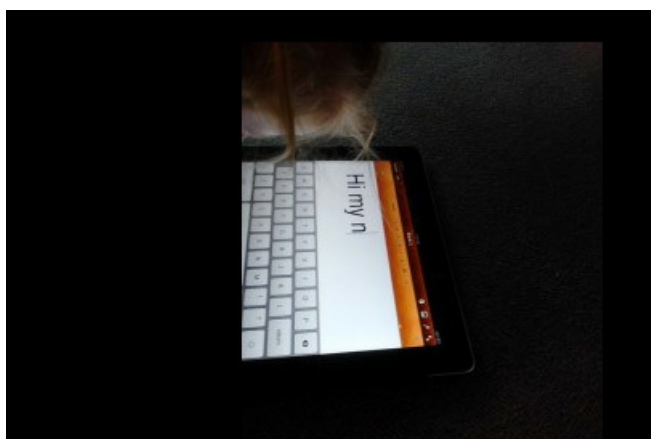
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Support environmental preferences



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Teach touch typing



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Useful resources



Self advocacy traffic light system in a primary classroom

A blog post on how a student uses a traffic light system to let the primary classroom team know how well she can see.

Publisher: BLENNZ: Blind and Low Vision Education Network NZ

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Dance mat typing

A BBC typing programme, in the form of a game, that has been used to effectively support students with low vision.

Publisher: BBC

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