

General Strategies for Visual Impairments



1. Prepare materials- enlarge reading materials and worksheets
2. Seat near the front of the class near to the board
3. Avoid whiteboards and laminated worksheets due to the glare
4. Colour overlays could be used (available from SEN)
5. Worksheets need to be uncluttered
6. Use black bold ink on pale coloured paper (yellow is best)
7. Ensure students have own copy of text and not sharing in a pair
8. Provide reading rulers or line trackers (available from SEN)
9. Avoid talking to the board



General Strategies for Hearing Impairments

1. Identify student's strongest side and seat appropriately
2. Speak clearly, naturally and do not shout
3. Do not talk and write on the board at the same time
4. Minimise background noise
5. Use simple instructions one at a time
6. Do not cover your face or walk around when speaking
7. Maintain a distance of 1-2 metres to allow for lip reading
8. Check understanding of instructions
9. When asking questions, use the child's name
10. Tap the students on the shoulder to get their attention

