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Abstract

This kit provides readily accessible documents to start the teaching year prepared with inclusion resources at the tip of your fingers. Some resources are printable and ready to go and others provide clear and concise information and pathways for you as a teacher and for the children in your Kindergarten group.

**Inclusion Starter Kit**

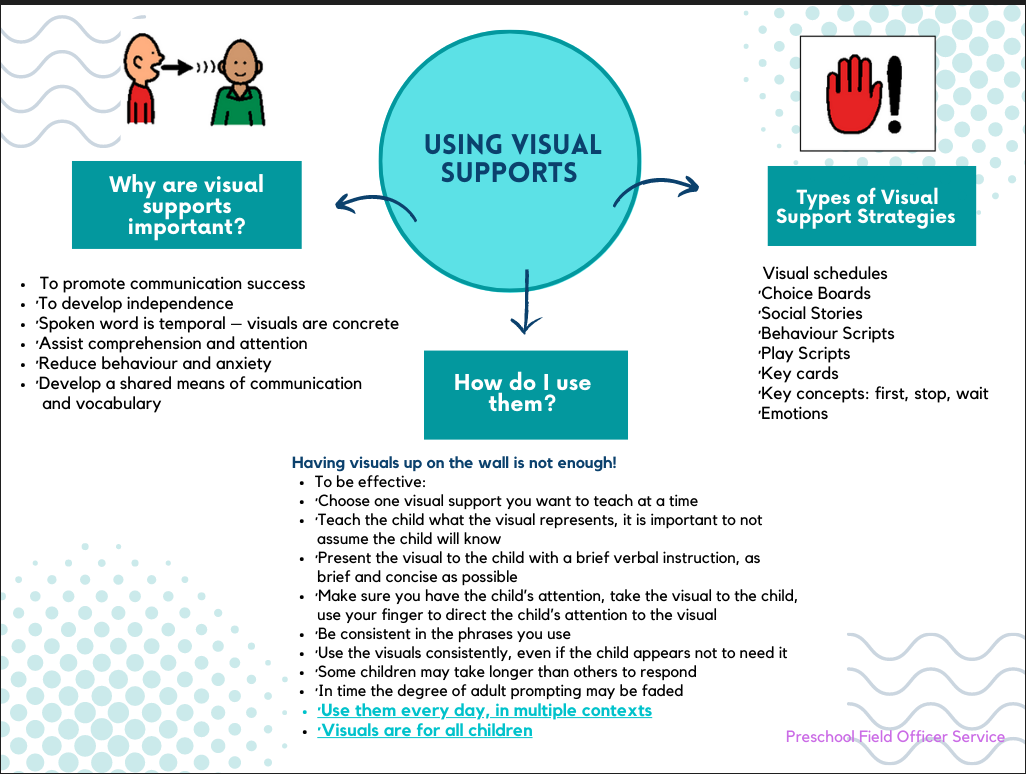
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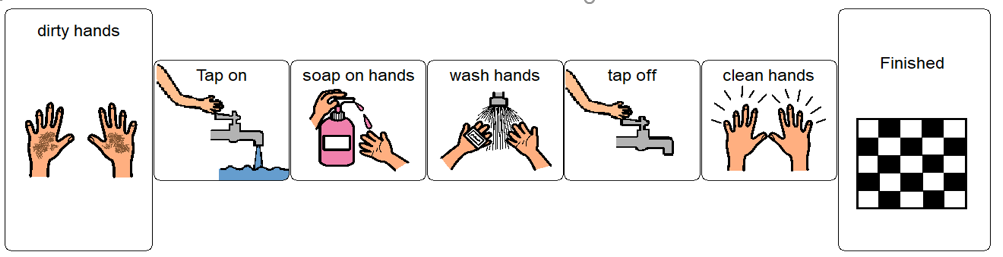
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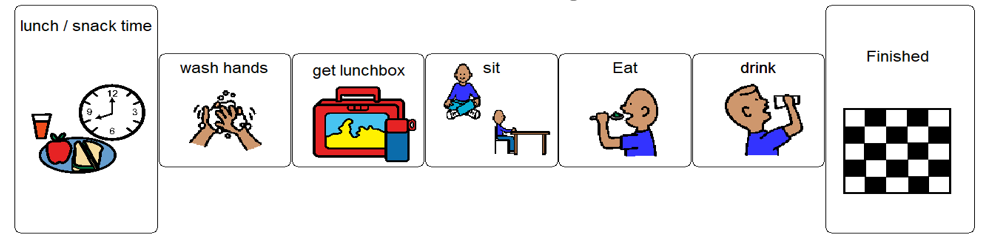
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| Document Purpose |
| PSFO Information and QR Code to access a Request For Support Form |
| Visuals:   * Using Visual Supports * Templates |
| Things to consider at the start of the year:   * Mapping out your inclusive learning space for success * How to make a cool down spot * Checklist: How to build a sense of belonging for ALL children |
| Red Flags:   * Tip sheet * Red flag table |
| Referral Pathways:   * Building Relationships * Referral Pathways * Allied Health Descriptions |
| * Additional Visual Supports * Calm Area and Sensory Supports Examples |

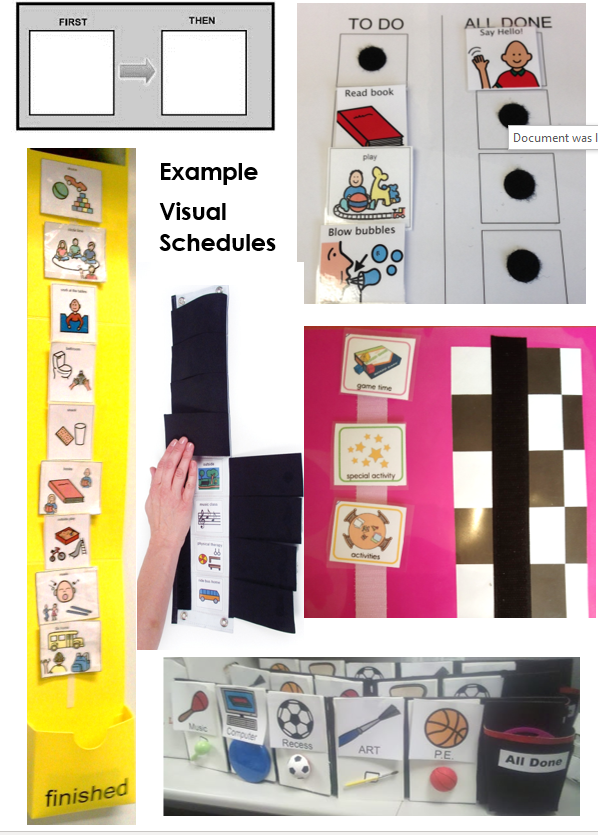
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| **Purpose** |
| Teaching in early childhood can be a highly rewarding and dynamic career. However, starting your teaching journey may also be somewhat daunting in the early stages. Running an inclusive program that meets the needs of all children is a skill that takes time and continued learning. The PSFO Team at Wyndham City are here to support you and want to assure you that you are not alone on this journey.  There are a vast variety of PSFO resources available on the Wyndham City council webpage, including the extensive PSFO Guide to Supporting Children with Additional Needs. However it is understood that the PSFO Guide is a long document that can take time and expertise to navigate alone.  The PSFO Team have developed the following Inclusion Starter Kit; a guide for graduate early childhood educators to get started on including children with additional needs into their Kindergarten programs.  The Inclusion Starter Kit aims to:   * Assure graduate early childhood educators and/or those who are new to the industry that there are various support services available to assist them in running an inclusive program * Provide information to graduate early childhood educators and/or those who are new to the industry about referral pathways (how to refer children to other services in the community) * Provide early childhood educators and/or those who are new to the industry with inclusive classroom ideas and strategies that can be used with all children eg: visual supports   It is hoped that the Inclusion Starter Kit is a useful resource for graduate teachers to access when planning inclusive programs at Kindergarten.  Don’t forget the Preschool Field Officer team are only a phone call away and can be contacted on the following details: |

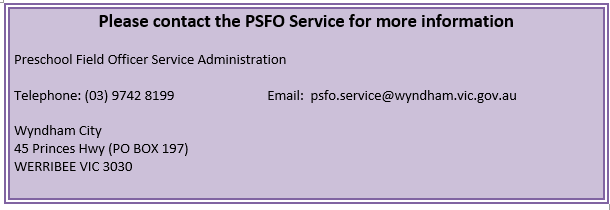


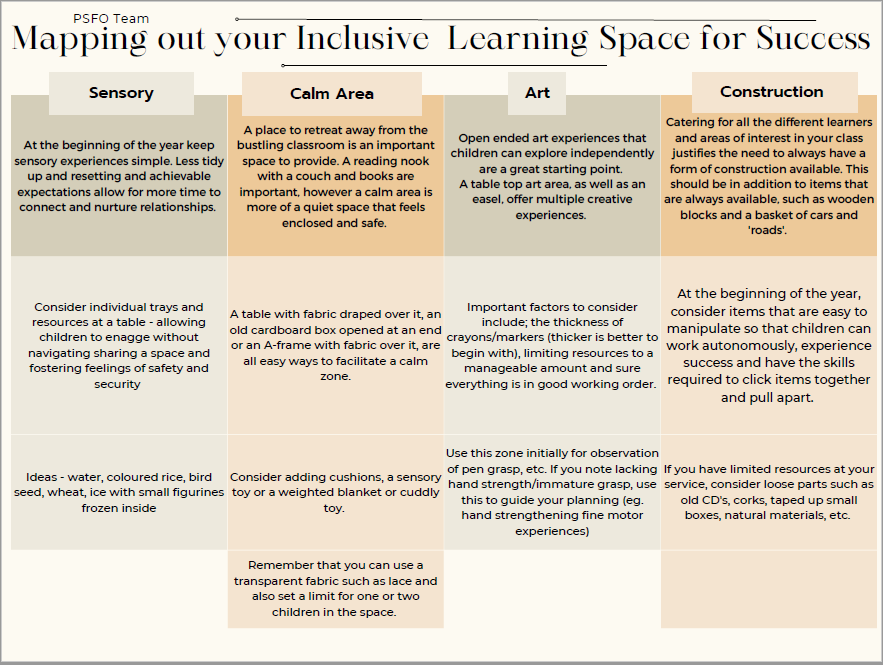


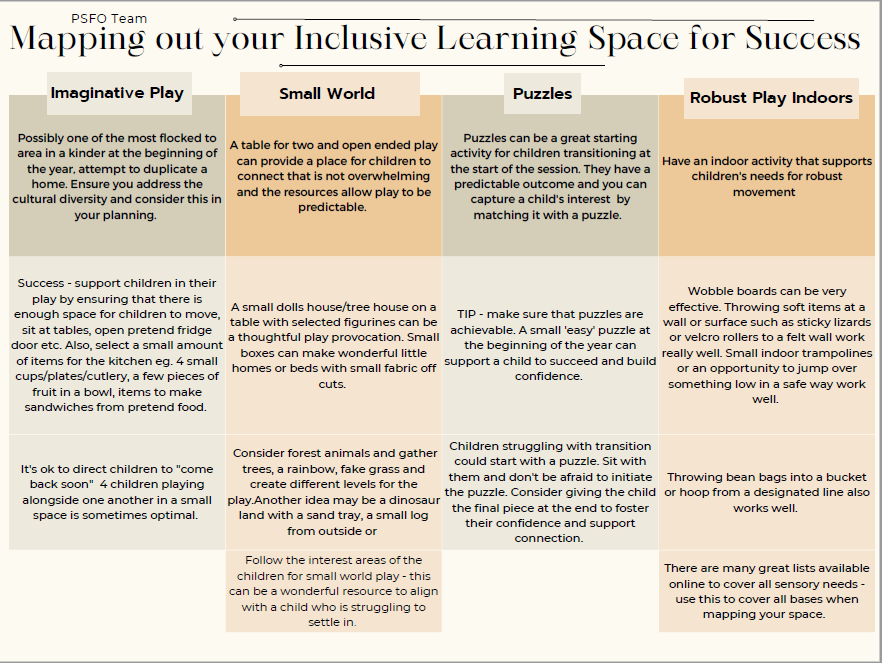


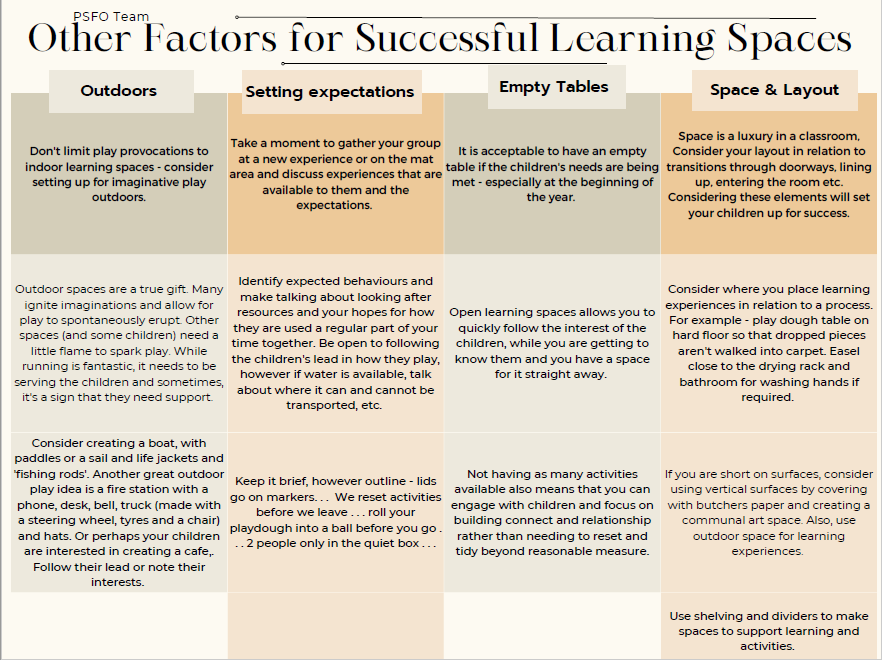


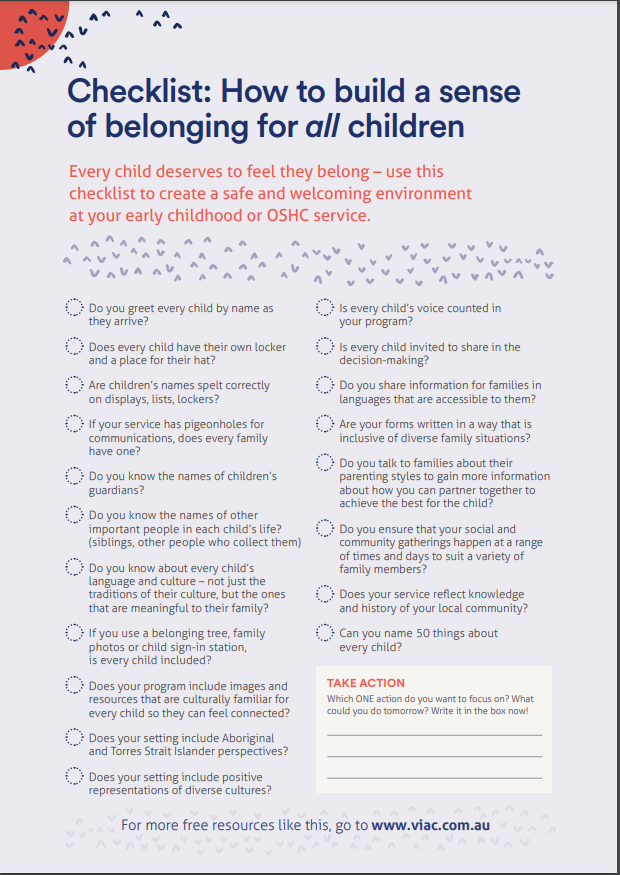










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HOW TO MAKE A COOL DOWN SPOT 
A SENSORY RETREAT 
FOR YOUR CHILD 
l. CHOOSE A LOCATION 
Take into consideration the noise 
volume and space constrictions to 
select a spot that can be semi- 
permanent. The space should be 
fairly small. 
A cool down spot should 
not be used as a time out or 
punishment. 
2. CHOOSE A STRUCTURE 
Base your decision on your budget, 
physical space, and time to put it 
together. Possible options: 
- Pop-up tent 
- Small closet 
- Large cardboard box 
- Quiet corner hedged in by 
furniture 
- IKEA child swivel chair 
- Under a covered card table 
- Tent over bed 
- Tee-pee swing 
3. MAKE IT cozy 
Add blankets, pillows, chairs or 
seats. If using a seat, slow 
rocking or slow spinning 
movements tend to be calming. 
4. BRING IN THE EXTRAS 
Customize the spot to meet your 
child's sensory needs by adding in 
other forms of calming sensory input. 
PROPRIOCEPTION 
- chewy toys/jewelry 
-vibrating massagers/toys 
-weighted blanket/pillows 
TACTILE - TOUCH 
- soft or textured blankets/pillows 
- various fidgit toys 
AUDITORY AND VISION 
- Christmas lights 
- flashlights 
- lava lamps 
- spinning light-up toy 
- soft or rhythmic music 
- headphones 

