

Graduated Response and Adaptations Document

Gulval School

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TPAT is driven to create a sense of belonging and mattering within our school communities and to create learning environments where all pupils, regardless of their individual differences or needs, feel valued, respected, supported and are facilitated to participate fully in their learning experiences.

Our commitment goes beyond including pupils with disabilities and encompasses all forms of diversity, including those with different learning preferences, cultural backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses and lived experiences.

Visual Adaptations within books and on iPads

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1. Adapt Learning Objectives

Keep the *same long-term ambition* but adjust the route:

- 1: Same task, different scaffolding (most inclusive).
- 2: Same objective, adjusted complexity (e.g., use simpler texts or numbers).
3. Different but related objective if achievement gap is significant.



2. Adapted Work & Planning

Clear evidence includes:

- Sentence stems
- Adjusted reading texts glued in
- Scaffolded worksheets
- Word mats or vocabulary banks
- Reduced writing demands (e.g., 3 sentences instead of a full paragraph)
- Maths with models, images, concrete examples drawn or stuck in.
- Shortened tasks to meet need of learner.

Greater adaptations:

- Alternative tasks which achieve the same outcome.
- Individualised adapted tasks and objectives.



3. Adult Support (Strategic)

You will commonly see:

- Live marking in books
- Written prompts from the adult
- Highlighted instructions
- Model sentences written lightly by an adult for tracing
- Guided examples completed together (We Do).
- Feedback that promotes independence

Greater adaptations:

- Adult scribing
- Fully written sentence frames for completion
- Highly simplified instructions
- Bespoke scaffolded tasks
- Individualised timetables
- Individualised adapted learning objectives



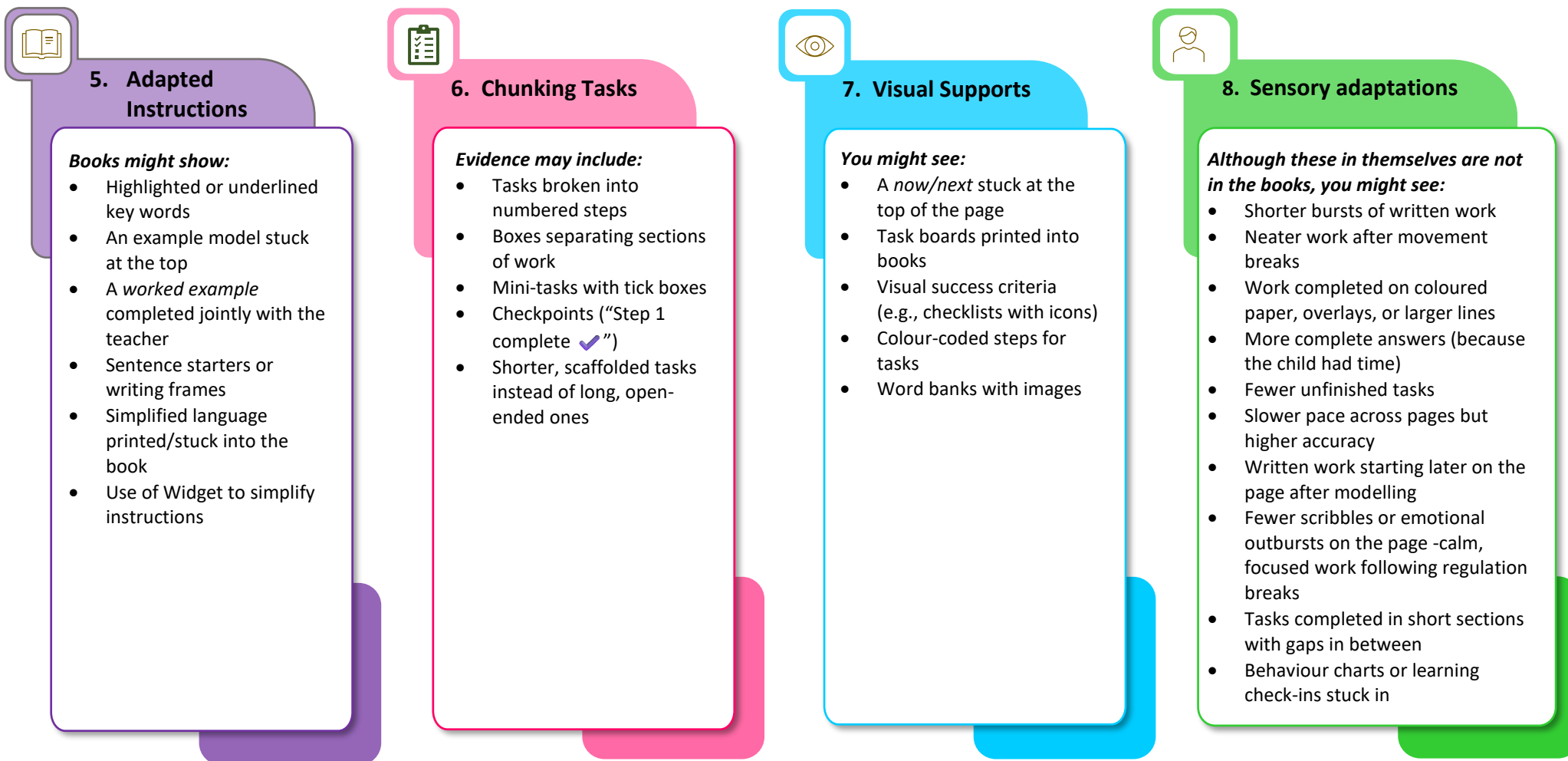
4. Alternative Recording

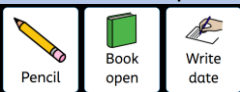
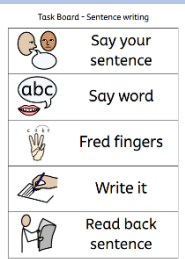
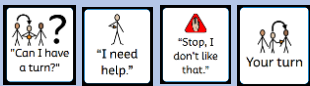
Evidence looks like:

- Typed work printed and stuck in to books or stored on iPad.
- Speech-to-text pieces with a different font (iPad)
- Photographic record
- Video record of task.
- Voice notes or recording
- Use of mind maps
- Use of Widget to present a response.
- Visual representation (collage etc).

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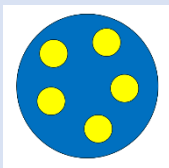
	Wave 1 (Universal) Provision	Wave 2a Provision	Wave 2b Provision	Wave 3 Provision
C&I Communication and Interaction	- Clear objectives - Success criteria - Teacher modelling - Cold calling - Think, pair, share, - Show me board - Visual timetables  - Now & Next -  - Simplified instructions Original "First, look carefully at the picture and think about what is happening. Then answer the question using a full sentence. Remember to check your work to make sure it makes sense before moving on to the next task." Simplified 1. Look at the picture 2. Think about what is happening 3. Say your answer 4. Check it makes sense" 	- Chunking information and tasks into smaller steps. - Instruction strips  - Task board  - Now and next boards - WELCOMM screener targets 1:1 or small-group speech sound work - Vocabulary sessions (inc. pre teaching) - Cue cards 	- Consider SENCo-led referral to Communication team - Consider SENCo-led referral to Speech and Language Team - Consider SENCo-led ND profiling Tool - Consider SENCo-led SALT referral - Specialist SLCN programmes - Speech sound intervention with review - Structured vocabulary programmes - Formal attention & listening sessions. - Communication, Speech and Language progression tool assessment	- SALT input and plan - Alternative communication (objects of reference) - Sign-supported communication, AAC) - Intensive Interaction and modelling of language structures. - Individually tailored visuals and communication systems. - Social communication groups - Specialist support for communication and social understanding.

- Thinking time
- Check understanding
- Vocab pre-teach
- Speech sound modelling
(Do NOT ask them to repeat it.
YOU say it back correctly in a natural sentence.)

Child is upset after a disagreement.
Adult kneels beside and uses calm voice:

- "I can see you're feeling cross."
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- Timers(spot/sand)

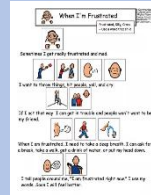


- ShREC approach (EYFS) – Share attention, Respond, Expand, Conversation

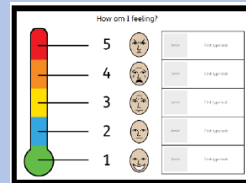


- Signalled transitions from one task to another.

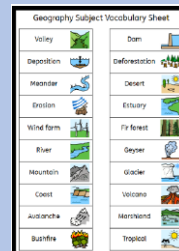
- Social stories

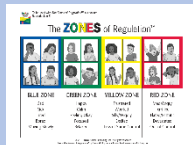
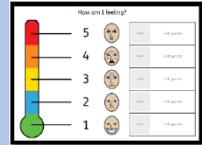
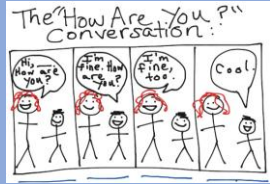
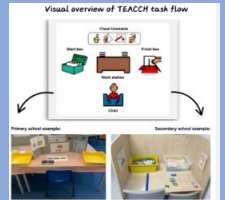


- Transition support
- Timers (Individual sand)
- Zones of regulation / 5-point scale

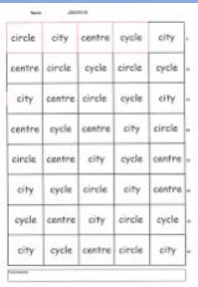


- Word mat



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SC Social Communication	- Emotion coaching Child is upset after a disagreement. Adult kneels beside and uses calm voice: "I can see you're feeling cross." "It's okay to feel cross, but it's not okay to shout at people." "Let's take 3 breaths together." "When you're ready, we can sort the problem." - Year 6 transition support MHST (children and parents) - Predictable routines - Visual timetables  - Transition support (on visual timetable, social story) - Roles/responsibilities – Animal carers, corridor monitors, café assistants, reading ambassadors. - Restorative conversations Example: After a conflict between children: "What happened?"	1:1 or small-group social skills - Lego therapy - Social stories  - Adult-supported transitions - Structured group modelling - Adapted play/lunch - Break-out space - Zones of regulation / 5-point scale   - Makaton (if appropriate)	- Consider SENCo-led ND profiling tool - Consider SENCo-led liaison/referral with EP/ASD outreach - Specialist social communication programmes - Social stories written with SENCo - Structured play/social coaching. - Personalised timetables - Comic book scenarios  - Personalised workspace  1-1 Thrive action plan	1:1 specialist support in class 1:1 support at breaks and transitions - Personalised learning schedule - Specialist social communication plans.

	• “How were you feeling at the time?” • “How do you think the other person felt?” • “What needs to happen now to fix the situation?” End with a short agreed action: • “Let’s play together for 5 minutes and start again.”			
	• Safe space A small area in the classroom with: • soft mat or beanbag • calm box (cards, colouring, fidget) • sand timer • emotion visuals Adult says: “You can use the calm space for 2 minutes — I’ll come and check in.”			

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C&L Cognition and Learning	- Clear objectives - Success criteria - Live feedback - Modelling - Cold calling - Think, pair, share, - Show me board - Regular retrieval practice - Extra processing time - Low arousal environment (silent / quiet working) - AfL/adaptive teaching - do children need visual supports/manipulatives/ work with a partner/challenge question  - Read Write inc. phonics - Class reading groups - Mastering Number - Maths.co.uk - Times Table Rockstars	- Task boards - Chunking of tasks into smaller steps. - Dual coding (e.g. word mat, instruction/behaviour strip)  - Small-group adult support - Pre-teach/catch-up / overlearning 1:1/small group boosters - Scaffolded tasks - Individual workstations - Foundational skills assessment (or other assessment) - Writing / Spelling Frame - Colourful semantics In school interventions - Phonics Fast Track - Keep up intervention Alternatives to writing	- Consider SENCo-led ND Profiling Tool - Consider SENCo-led Cognition and learning/EP referral - Screening tools (e.g. DST-J) used to identify barriers & set personalised targets - Precision teaching  - Touch Typing programme – e.g. Nessy	- Cognition and Learning/EP specialist input - Personalised learning schedule - Reduced timetable (multi-agency) - Curriculum adaptations from specialist assessments. - Technology-led learning support (specialised apps, dictation software)

	• Illustrated Dictionaries • Chunked instructions/simple language (can you add visuals?) 1. "Book open." 2. "Write the date." 3. "Start question 1." • Frequent review – hinge questions • Multisensory teaching (two or more senses working together – e.g. manipulatives, acting it out) • Seating for positive models • Cognition and learning Dyslexia awareness assembly • Coloured overlays (screen filter on iPad)	• Assistive technology (speech to text) • Larger lines / squares to record onto • Individual readers • Working memory supports – e.g. 3/4-step visuals/talking tins • Use of iPads with Showbie to enable pupils to refer back to PowerPoint slides (recap / task board / instructions).		
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Social, Emotional & Mental Health

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SEMh Social, Emotional and Mental Health	- Whole School Positive Behaviour Reward System - smileys. - Whole School and Class Rules - Emotion coaching and adult emotional check ins and co-regulation. Child is upset after a disagreement. Adult kneels beside and uses calm voice: "I can see you're feeling cross." "It's okay to feel cross, but it's not okay to shout at people." "Let's take 3 breaths together." "When you're ready, we can sort the problem." - PSHE lessons and assemblies - Circle Time (EYFS) - Consistent routines    - Low arousal classroom and safe spaces A small area in the classroom with: - soft mat or beanbag - calm box (cards, colouring, fidget) - sand timer	1:1 check-ins - Increased home-school links - SENCo 1:1/Small-group nurture/therapeutic MHST (child/parent)   - Personalised Zones of regulation/5-point scale - Decompression end-of-day routine Move to quiet spot (1 minute) A small, low-stim area with soft voices and predictable steps. Choose 1 calm activity (3–5 minutes) Colouring/doodling, Small Lego, Sensory tools (tangle, stress ball), Quiet book, Simple puzzle Regulation reset (1 minute) Deep breaths, 5-finger breathing, Stretch / wall push-ups Check-out (30 seconds) Emoji/Zones card. Thumbs up/side/down Supported dismissal (1–2 minutes) Adult quietly summarises the plan for home /next day: "You've had a calm finish. Tomorrow starts with __. See you then."	- Consider SENCo-led ND Profiling Tool - Consider SENCo-led referral to Nurture/therapeutic groups MHST (child/parent) - Consider SENCo-led referrals to EP/Bloom/CAMHS - Consider SENCo-led referral to Early Help - Personalised regulation plans - Home/school diary - Anxiety/self-regulation programmes (child/parent) - Personalised, daily 'Into school' routines – soft start. - Personalised, daily 'leaving school' routines – soft close.	- CAMHS involvement 1:1 specialist support - Multi-agency SEMH plan - Personalised specialist regulation tools - Individualised behaviour support plan. - Behaviour interventions

- emotion visuals

Adult says:

"You can use the calm space for 2 minutes — I'll come and check in."

- Calm/supported/relational start and end to the day

Examples:

- meet-and-greet at door
- first 5 minutes in a quiet area with a trusted adult
- simple low-demand tasks (Lego, sketching, whiteboard doodle)
- morning visual timetable already displayed

- Whole class movement breaks

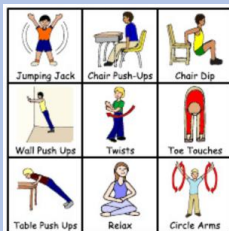


- Co-regulation

Example:

- Child starts to escalate.
Adult stays close and models regulation:
- slow breathing
- soft tone
- grounding: "Feet on the floor, hands still."
- "You can borrow my calm."
- "Let's breathe together... in... out..."

- Break-out space
- Individualised movement breaks



- Use of timers (spot / sand / visual)

- Restorative practices;

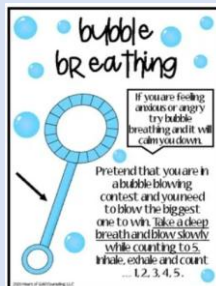
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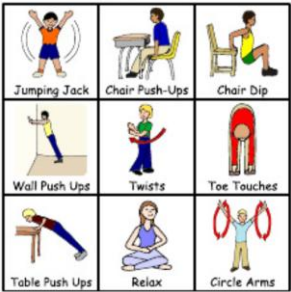
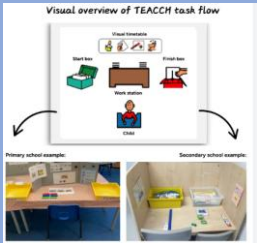
- Roles/responsibilities -
Eco/sport/learning champions,
classroom monitors

- Use of Breathing Techniques



- Adapted play/lunch

Physical & Sensory

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P&S Physical and Sensory	- Low arousal environments - Carefully considered seating plans. - Individual work spaces / working environment (standing to write etc). - Movement breaks  - Universal sensory circuit - Pen/Pencil choices  - Ear defenders  - Considered seating	- Sensory audit and diet - Targeted sensory strategies - Personalised equipment - Soft start - personalised - Wobble cushions  - Fidget tools (school may provide to prevent inappropriate tools e.g. Tekdeks)  - Sensory tools – fidget tools, chewellery, chair bands, theraputty) - Adaptive tools (pen grips, easi Grip scissors, sloped boards - Uniform adaptations - Touch Typing programme	- Consider DSDQ screener - Consider SENCo-led ND Profiling Tool - Consider SENCo-led referral to OT - Sensory diet with SENCo/OT - Additional sensory breaks; OT equipment - Personalised workspace 	OT input/plan Physio input/plan 1:1 support for PE Adaptive technology Medical team involvement Personalised sensory diet Specialist medical care plans.

	- Techniques/Strategies to aid with Visual Perception e.g. use of highlighters, darkening lines. - Adapted play/lunch.	- Gross/fine motor intervention - Funfit - Sensory circuits - Decompression end-of-day routine 1. Move to quiet spot (1 minute) A small, low-stim area with soft voices and predictable steps. 2. Choose 1 calm activity (3–5 minutes) Colouring/doodling Small Lego Sensory tools (tangle, stress ball) Quiet book Simple puzzle 3. Regulation reset (1 minute) Deep breaths 5-finger breathing Stretch / wall push-ups 4. Check-out (30 seconds) Emoji/Zones card Thumbs up/side/down 5. Supported dismissal (1–2 minutes) Adult quietly summarises the plan for home/next day: “You’ve had a calm finish. Tomorrow starts with . See you then.”		
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Graduated Response Cycle

