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ADHD

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Aims



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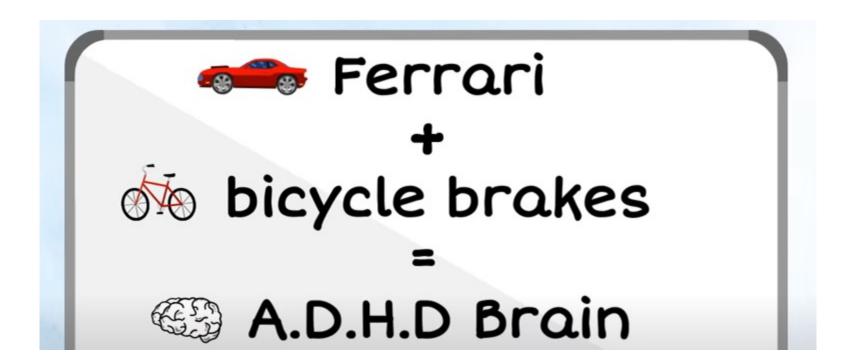
To develop an understanding of the symptoms, causes and diagnosis of ADHD

To provide you with the tools and resources to support a child with ADHD traits

What is ADHD?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rfcdx3qm77M



What is ADHD?



- ADHD stands for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- ADHD is a condition that affects people's behaviour. People with ADHD can seem restless, may have trouble concentrating and may act on impulse.
- Most cases are diagnosed when children are under 12 years old, but sometimes it's diagnosed later in childhood.
- Sometimes ADHD was not recognised when someone was a child, and they are diagnosed later as an adult.

What causes ADHD?

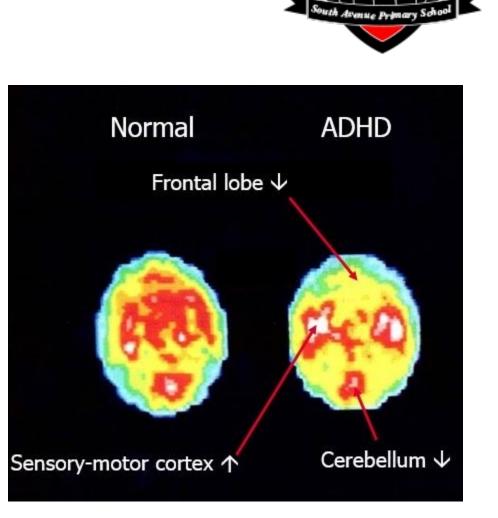


- The exact cause of ADHD is unknown, but the condition has been shown to run in families.
- Research has also identified a number of possible differences in the brains of people with ADHD when compared with those without the condition.
- Other factors suggested as potentially having a role in ADHD include:

 being born prematurely (before the 37th week of pregnancy)
 having a low birthweight
 - o smoking or alcohol or drug abuse during pregnancy

What causes ADHD?

- Research has identified a number of possible differences in the brains of people with ADHD from those without the condition, although the exact significance of these is not clear.
- For example, studies involving brain scans have suggested that certain areas of the brain may be smaller in people with ADHD, whereas other areas may be larger.
- Other studies have suggested that people with ADHD may have an imbalance in the level of neurotransmitters in the brain, or that these chemicals may not work properly.





Symptoms of ADHD



- The symptoms of ADHD can be categorised into 2 types

 Inattentiveness (difficulty concentrating and focusing)
 Hyperactivity and impulsiveness
- 2 to 3 in 10 people with ADHD have problems with concentrating and focusing
- ADHD is more often diagnosed in boys than girls. Girls are more likely to have symptoms of inattentiveness only, and are less likely to show disruptive behaviour that makes ADHD symptoms more obvious. This means girls who have ADHD may not always be diagnosed.

Symptoms in children



- The symptoms of ADHD in children are usually noticeable before the age of 6. They occur in more than 1 situation, such as at home and at school.
- Children may have symptoms of both inattentiveness and hyperactivity and impulsiveness, or they may have symptoms of just 1 of these types of behaviour.

Inattentiveness



The main signs of inattentiveness are:

 having a short attention span and being easily distracted
 making careless mistakes – for example, in schoolwork
 appearing forgetful or losing things
 being unable to stick to tasks that are tedious or time-consuming
 appearing to be unable to listen to or carry out instructions
 constantly changing activity or task
 having difficulty organising tasks

Hyperactivity and Impulsiveness



- The main signs of hyperactivity and impulsiveness are:

 being unable to sit still, especially in calm or quiet surroundings
 constantly fidgeting
 being unable to concentrate on tacks
 - \odot being unable to concentrate on tasks
 - $\odot\,\text{excessive}$ physical movement
 - \circ excessive talking
 - $\odot\,\mbox{being}$ unable to wait their turn
 - $\odot\,\text{acting}$ without thinking
 - \odot interrupting conversations
 - $\odot\,\text{little}$ or no sense of danger

ADHD Diagnosis



- To be diagnosed with ADHD, your child must also have:
 - \odot been displaying symptoms continuously for at least 6 months
 - been showing symptoms in at least 2 different settings for example, at home and at school, to rule out the possibility that the behaviour is just a reaction to certain teachers or to parental control
 - symptoms that make their lives considerably more difficult on a social, academic or occupational level
 - symptoms that are not just part of a developmental disorder or difficult phase, and are not better accounted for by another condition

Living with ADHD



- Looking after a child with ADHD can be challenging, but it's important to remember that they cannot help their behaviour.
- Some day-to-day activities might be more difficult for you and your child, including:
 - \odot getting your child to sleep at night
 - \circ getting ready for school on time
 - \odot listening to and carrying out instructions
 - \circ being organised
 - \odot social occasions
 - $\circ \text{ shopping}$

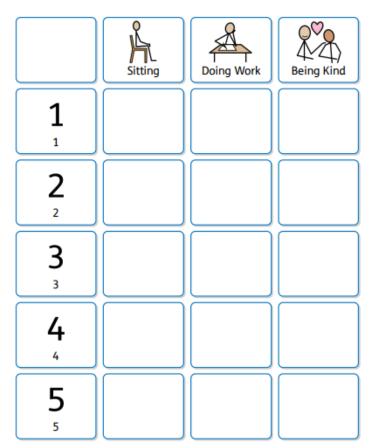


- Plan the day
- Set clear boundaries
- Be positive Give specific praise. Instead of saying a general: "Thanks for doing that," you could say: "You washed the dishes really well. Thank you."
- Giving instructions
- Incentive scheme
- Use charts. They need to have regular changes or they become boring. Targets should be:
 - $\circ~$ immediate for example, daily
 - intermediate for example, weekly
 - long-term for example, 3-monthly
 - $\,\circ\,$ Try to focus on just 1 or 2 behaviours at a time.
- Intervene early
- Use distractions Distract your child, if possible, by taking them away from the situation. This may calm them down.

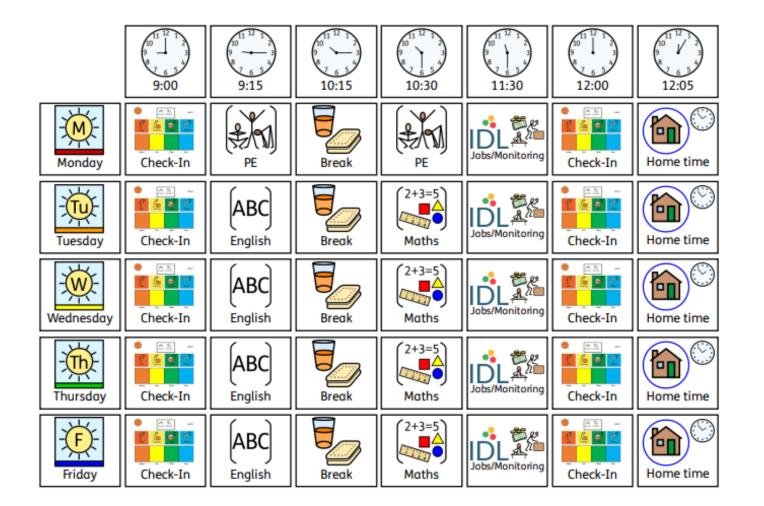


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Make bed	*	*				
Brush teeth	$\mathbf{\star}$	*	*			
Complete homework	*	*	*			
Put clothes in hamper	*	*				

Train Reward Chart









- Social situations Keep social situations short and sweet. Invite friends to play, but keep playtimes short so your child does not lose self-control. Do not aim to do this when your child is feeling tired or hungry, such as after a day at school.
- Exercise
- Eating Keep an eye on what your child eats. If your child is hyperactive after eating certain foods, which may contain additives or caffeine, keep a diary of these and discuss them with a GP.



- Avoid overstimulating activities in the hours before bedtime, such as computer games or watching TV.
- Eat early not late 2-3 hours before bed.
- Cut off the electronics 2 hours before bed.
- Get to bed on time 15-30 mins before bed.
- Make the bedroom a place to sleep.
- Always encourage your child to sleep in their own bed.
- Avoid naps during the day.
- Focus on a healthy lifestyle.



True or False?



- Hyperactivity tends to diminish with age.
- ADHD resolves at puberty.
- ADHD is a childhood disorder.
- Prevalence ratios of boys to girls with ADHD are currently 3:1.
- Girls with ADHD are not diagnosed easily because they are typically less disruptive, aggressive, impulsive, and hyperactive.
- Poor parenting causes ADHD.
- They focus on their video games for hours. They can't have ADHD.

Emotional Literacy



ZONES OF REGULATION!

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

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Final thoughts...







Useful Website



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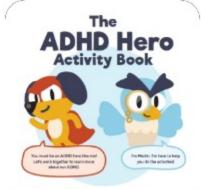
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• ADHD Foundation

Website: https://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/resources/

• Emotional Wellbeing Team

Website: https://sway.office.com/ZOy5Y7ViWgHzvuYR?ref=email



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