

Dear Teacher

My learning is greatly enhanced by the opportunities you provide me to develop my skills with my peers in an inclusive setting.

Sometimes when I am in your classroom I do things that might cause attention to be drawn to me and that make it harder for you to teach. I am sorry for the disruption this causes. This behaviour is the means I have to communicate my wants and needs.

When this happens I am usually removed from the classroom until the behaviour stops. Simply being removed and re-entering the room can be disruptive itself. Understanding my communication system will help everyone anticipate what I'm trying to say in the early stages and could prevent the behaviour from disrupting others.

Please look at my "Personal Dictionary". It explains what I do, what it means, and how others should respond. Please share my Personal Dictionary with my classmates so that they will understand and know what to do too.

I hope this helps. The Resource Teacher and my Educational Assistant are knowledgeable about my communication and would be happy to help.

Attached to this letter are some handouts that explain how and why people communicate and a description of what a Personal Dictionary is for.

Thank you for your understanding.