



# REMOTE LEARNING ON THE SPECTRUM

## PART 1: Lessons Learned – The Challenges and Advantages of Remote Learning

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## CHALLENGES WITH REMOTE LEARNING: TECHNOLOGY

- Comfort levels of teachers and students around proficiency with online platforms
- Variability in the training and experience of support staff
- Additional steps required in order to access confidential files of students
- Anxiety surrounding being on camera and seeing themselves online
- Conducting assessments remotely/assessing the authenticity of student responses





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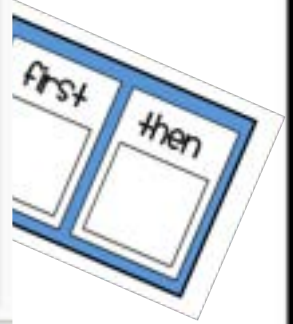
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## CHALLENGES WITH REMOTE LEARNING: STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION

- Difficulty implementing certain IEP strategies (ex. visual supports)
- Adjustment of modified curriculum goals and activities that are applicable in the home
- Delivery and use of manipulatives with students for whom screen use is contraindicated
- Programming for students who have difficulty attending to a screen

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## CHALLENGES WITH REMOTE LEARNING: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- Temptations to engage in off-task behaviours (e.g., browsing non-educational websites, gaming, instant messaging with peers)
- Barriers to screen monitoring
- Issues with monitoring task completion for both synchronous and asynchronous activities
- No previous knowledge about or relationship with the students
- Students may be in a new class grouping
- Social barriers and issues with anxiety stemming from participating on screen
- Challenges associated to student motivation

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## CHALLENGES WITH REMOTE LEARNING: REDEFINING PARENT ROLES

- For many students, remote learning may necessitate active parent involvement
- Amplification of existing communication challenges between home and school
- Parent coaching may be required to support students' skill acquisition (avoidance of prompt dependency)
- Ambiguity regarding behaviour management

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## ADVANTAGES OF REMOTE LEARNING

Despite its many challenges, online learning has proven to have benefits:

- Reduction of attention-seeking behaviours in the classroom
- Screen sharing for students who are tempted to engage in off-task activities
- Increased opportunities for differentiation during asynchronous learning
- Reduced peer distraction and peer influence
- Modified daily schedule provides more opportunities for breaks
- More opportunities for parent involvement

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