

## **PLOTTING THE 9 PERSONAITY TRAITS**

**ACTIVITY LEVEL** – how physically active your child is

Low	High
- Enjoy lower energy activities like boardgames, reading, construction	- Lots of opportunity to move/run - Breaks in long drives etc.

**BIOLOGICAL RHYTHMS** – regularity of internal drives/mechanisms

Irregular	Regular
- Try and be flexible with schedule	- Try and establish and stick to a daily
- Unscheduled grazing, napping	pattern/schedule

**SENSITIVITY** – how sensitive your child is to their internal and external environment

Low	High
- Tune in to needs if not on show	- Look for solutions to sensitivities
Teach self and other awareness	<ul><li>Give extra time (eating, dressing)</li><li>Give extra space to decompress</li></ul>

**INTENSITY OF REACTION** – how your child reacts to situations

Less	More
- Watch carefully, pick up on cues that may not	- Remember they're not being OTT or dramatic
be visible emotions	on purpose
- Ask often about feelings	- Teach calming down skills

**ADAPTABILITY** – how your child adjusts to change and new situations

Low	High
- Give time warnings	- Enjoy!
- Make routines visible	

## **APPROACH/WITHDRAWAL** – how your child engages with new situations

Withdraw	Approach
- Extra time and support when new - Teach skills to up confidence	- Strengthen skill through providing opportunities to meet/explore new

**PERSISTENCE** – how long your child is able and willing to stick at it

Low	High
- Teach calming down and mindset skills to	- Reassure that effort will = outcome
overcome overwhelm	

**DISTRACTIBILITY** – how easily distracted your child is by their environment

Low	High
- Remind about other commitments (difficult to	- Give support to stay on task
shift)	- Reduce distractions (TV)

**MOOD** – overall tone of feelings, interactions and behaviour. Sometimes referred to as disposition.

Positive
- Enjoy!