

How external and personal factors can influence a child's development



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Internal and External Factors That Can Affect a Child's Development. There are several factors that can affect a child's development such as a visual impairment could prevent a child from reading a book, having an abusive background can affect a child's trust and relationships (social development) and poverty can affect a child because they may not be able to afford the correct equipment to be ready to learn. Here are some personal and external factors that can affect a child's development.

External Factors
Assistive Technology A child with a physical disability can benefit from having assistive technology (using a wheelchair) to improve their interactions which can help with their social and communication development. Interactive boards can help a child recall information or those children that are kinesthetic learners to remember therefore increase their intellectual development. **Health Visitor** A health visitor can influence a child's development by taking every case separately and keeping a close eye on the child's development between birth and 5 years, and intervening at an early stage, for example if a child without a disability or impairment cannot walk, the health visitor may implement different techniques to help develop those physical development areas to bring them in line with the average rate and sequence of development.

Or a young child who struggles to integrate with others, the health visitor may advise to take the child to a playgroup or help with basic discipline if snatching etc. **Poverty and deprivation** If a child is affected by deprivation they may struggle with social skills and intervening with others play, for example they may snatch, bite due to hunger etc. A child's emotional development may also be affected, due to depression which may come with <https://assignbuster.com/how-external-and-personal-factors-can-influence-a-childs-development/>

bullying etc. A child's intellectual development could also be affected by not being ready to learn due to care not being able to afford the correct equipment such as stationary, PE kit and cooking ingredients. The increasing amount of air-pollution from car exhausts/ littering/ tipping etc is shown to affect children's growth. Personal Factors Disability Having a disability can mean many things, ADHD, missing limbs and a mental disability being only a few of them.

All areas of development could be at risk when having a disability. For example a child who has no legs will not be able to walk without prosthetic limbs or without other forms of aid therefore this will affect their physical development, this could then lead to social and emotional lack of development due to bullying, lack of social interaction etc. Having Down syndrome prominently affects a child's appearance, often talk in rapid bursts and repeats words, this therefore influences their language and communicational development. Sensory Impairment Having a sensory impairment can mean their development is influenced quite dramatically. We learn how to read and write by using our senses, we use these senses in our everyday life, from hearing rain on the windows to know what the weather is like outside, feeling the texture of something to give an indication to how it will feel in the mouth and being able to drive using our sight, if one of these senses are taken away from us, it will automatically influence our development.

Learning Difficulties Having a learning difficulty, will automatically affect a child's learning environment, whether this means that a child may not be able to absorb information like others, whether a child struggles to write down

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what they are visualising in their head or whether they struggle to use punctuation these all affect an area of development. Some children with learning difficulties may not be able to visualise numbers, understand terms etc, however may have a creative flare and can express feeling through art work, drama etc. and excel in these areas. Health Status A good health status and bad health status can have instant affects and leading affects to a child's development. Good health is a healthy balanced diet which will ensure the growth and development to be inline with the sequence and rate of development.

A large intake food can lead to obesity and a small quantity of food can lead to anorexia these will both affect the growth and development of a child.

Good health such as good speech, eyesight, hearing, keeping fit and a generally good life style will benefit the growth and development of a child.

Where as bad speech, bad skin, bad hearing, bad eyesight, no exercise, always being ill, not eating properly and inherited disease can have huge affects on the body, influencing the growth and development of a child. Being ill all the time will have huge affects on children later in life as they will be missing a lot of school and therefore all other areas of development are affected, through missing school children will miss opportunities to learn, develop and build on skills that maybe useful later on in life.