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## Coping with



#### All about ODD

Oppositional Defiant Disorder is a psychiatric disorder found in children. The condition is particularly common in young people with ADHD.

Oppositional Defiant Disorder is more common in boys than girls. It is commonly diagnosed in the early stages of primary school

It is possible for a child to grow out of the behaviours displayed due to ODD.

There is currently no known cause or cure of oppositional defiant disorder.

Behaviours associated with oppositional defiant disorder can be mild, moderate or severe.

They include:

- -angry and irritable moods a lot of the time
- -disobedience
- -regularly questioning rules
- -blaming others for their mistakes
- -refusing to do as authority figures and adults ask
- -acting before thinking about their behaviour
- -easily becoming aggravated

How can I manage my ODD?

Research has shown people with oppositional defiant disorder can be sensitive to stress which can lead to aggression.

Some things that can help to try to keep you calm:

- -breathing exercises
- -regular exercise
- -meditation/mindfulness
- -spending time in the outdoors
- -doing things that you enjoy/ getting a hobby

### Try to learn to manage your behaviours

- -look for signs that you are becoming angry or irritated (body tenses or fist clenches)
- -try to learn to recognise your emotions /thoughts (this can allow you to pause before acting impulsively)
- -learn to think about situations in a different way (look at different options)
- -try out different social skills such as empathy (understanding how others feel) with friends.



If you are feeling worried or down you could talk to an adult who you trust such as a school member of staff. There is also lots of advice and support available to you.





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