

School Refusal



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What are 3 factors to consider in assessing the 'why' of school refusal?

What are 5 things children and young people are communicating when they say I'm not going to school?



What is school refusal?

The act of putting more energy into avoiding going to school or engaging academically than it does to do it

Often sick or in pain -
headaches and gut
issues

Peer issues
Bullying from peers or
teachers

Teacher issues
Sometimes academic

A day ending in Y!



Factors to consider when assessing the why:

How can we find the antecedent?

Not on our own!

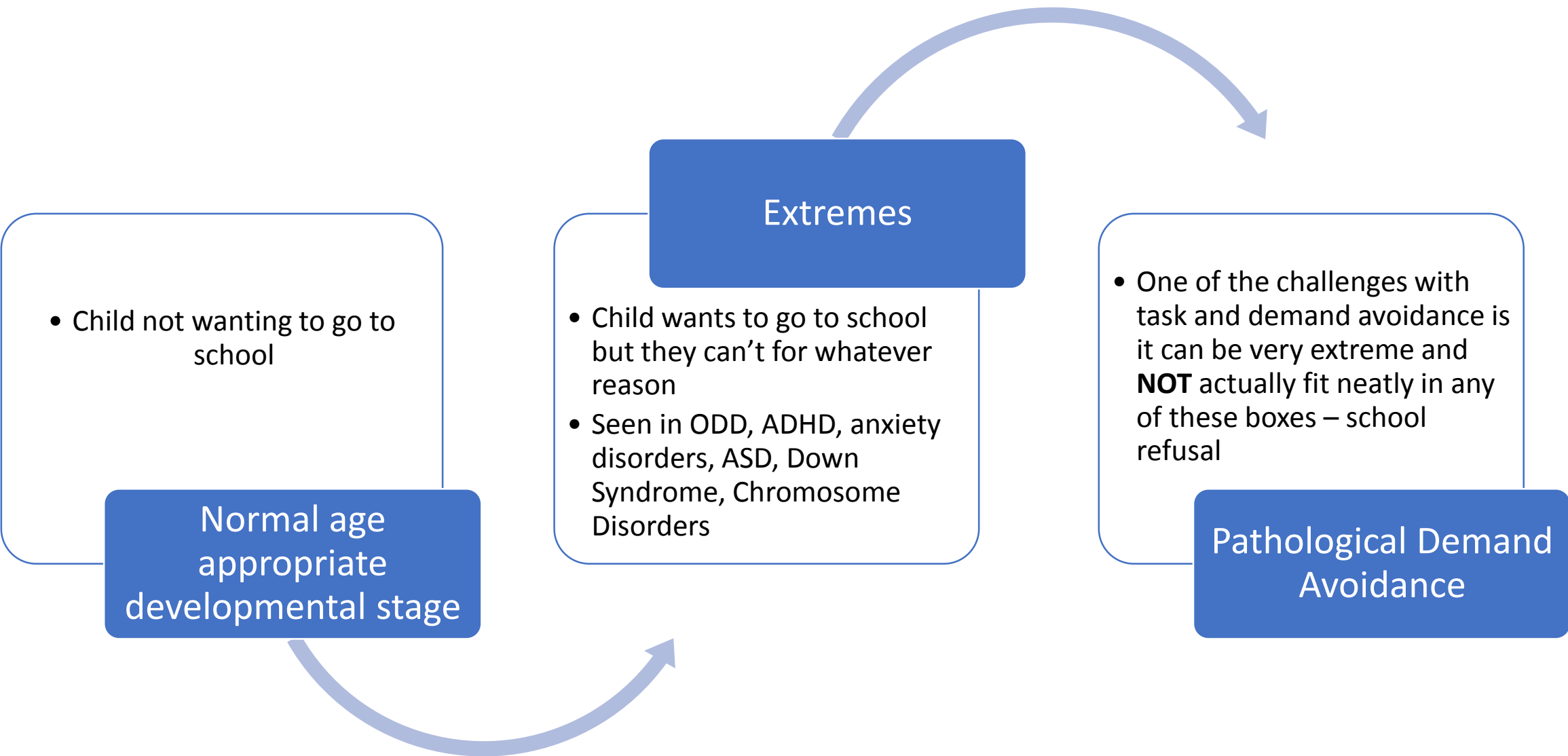
Anxiety, PDAS, ASD, ADHD, communication delay

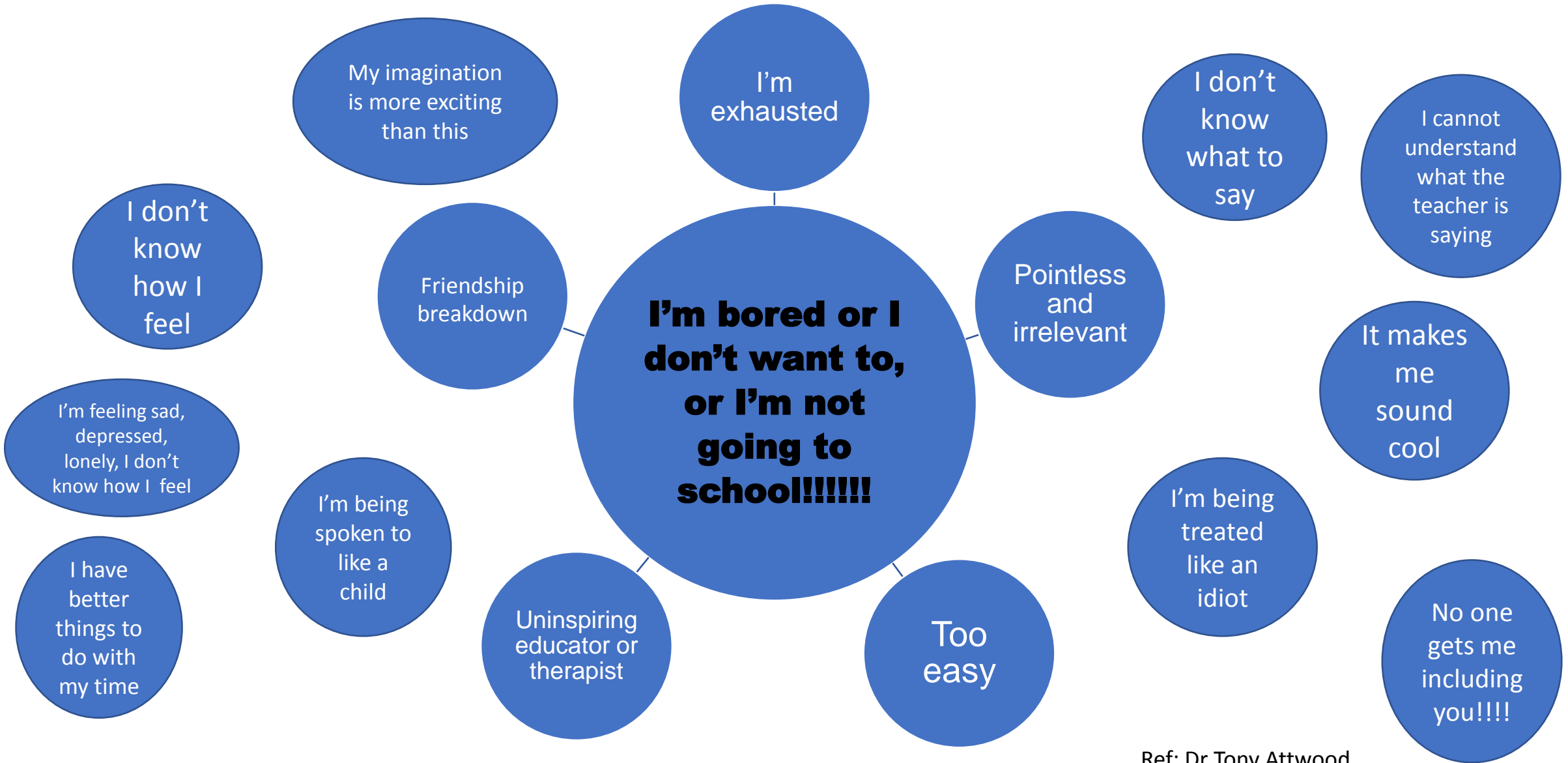
Specific learning disability, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia

Hearing and sight impairment

Gap between selves and peers widening







Ref: Dr Tony Attwood



Biggest obsession is
avoiding demands including
school refusal

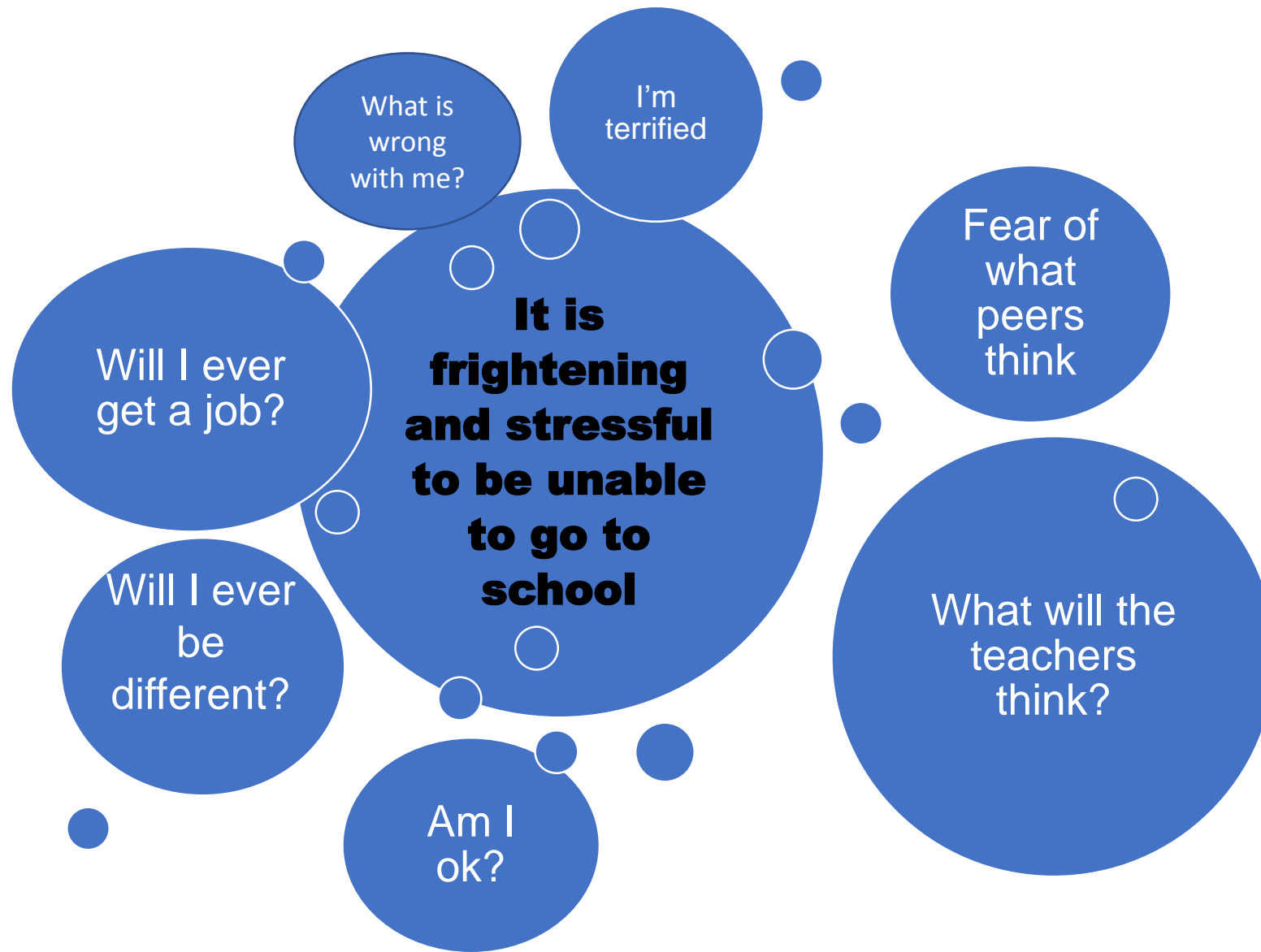
Avoid doing what they are
asked to do, blaming others

Are 'obsessional'

Fascination over certain toys,
videos or games

Talk persistently about one
topic of conversation and ask
the same question over and
over





Supports

Work with your school if you can
Insist Student engagement officers
get involved

Find a good
therapist- for
them and you!!!!

Access Carer
Gateway for you
and your other
kids

Join Facebook
Communities

Remember that they
can still be successful
if they don't get to do
school in the usual
way

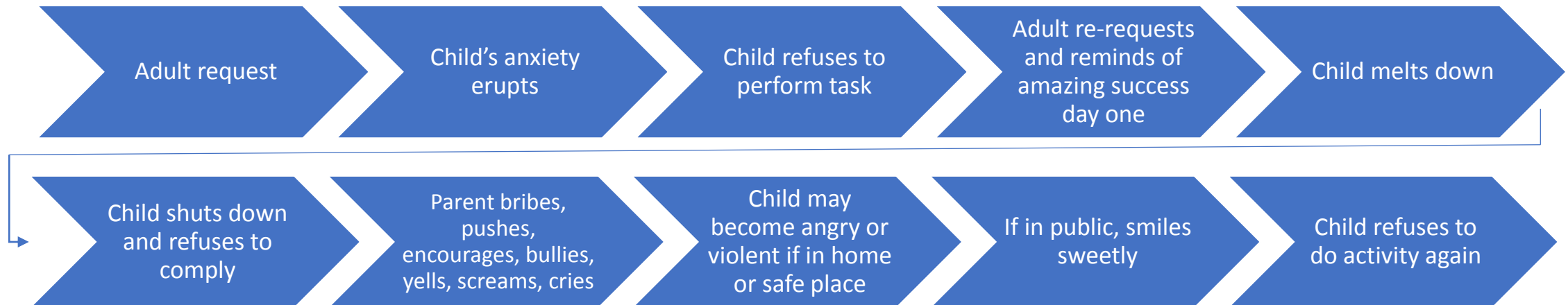


Praise the Implied Demand

Day One



Day Two



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