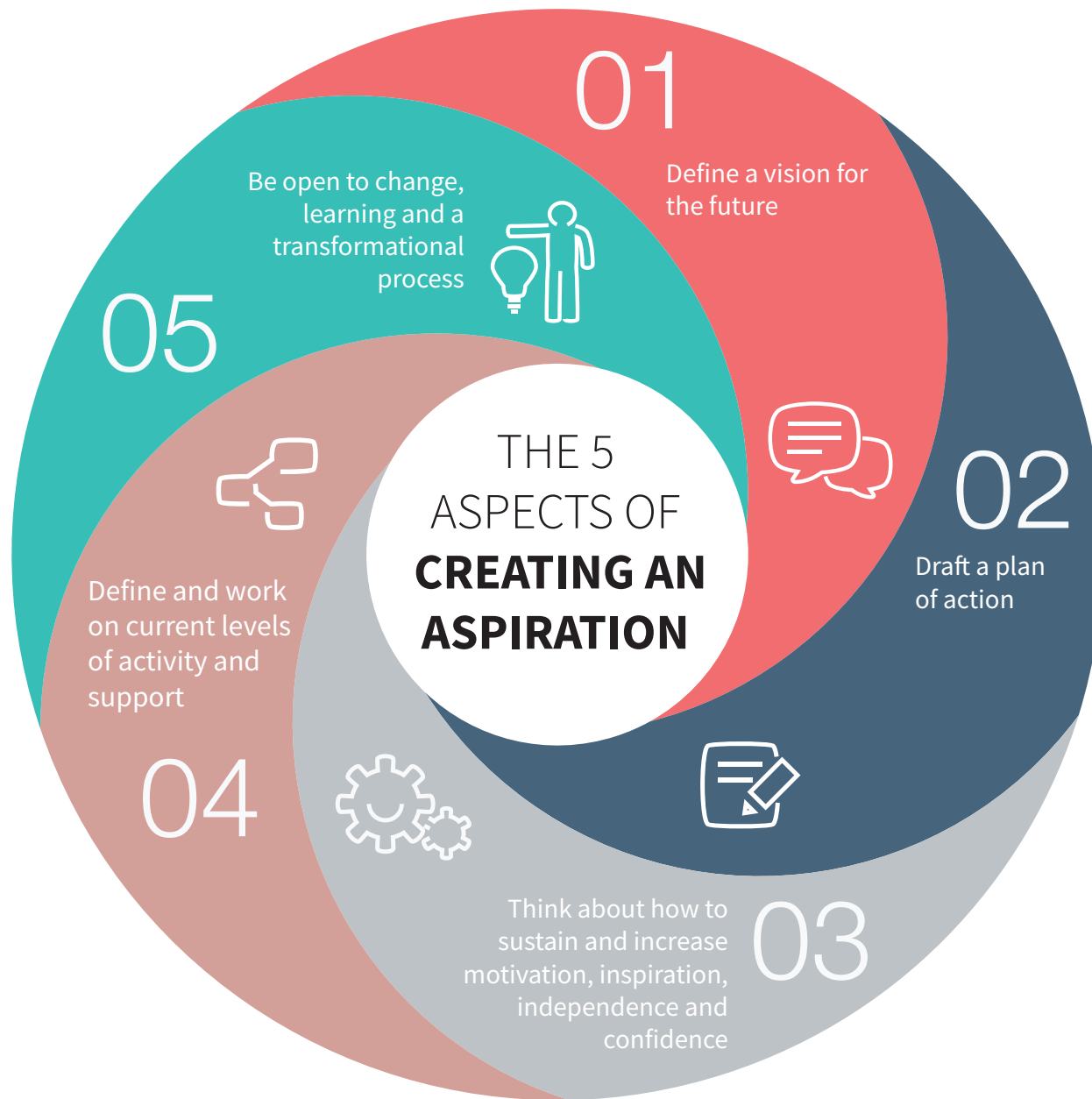


WHAT IS AN ASPIRATION?

The golden thread of raising aspirations of children and young people runs through the Teaching Standards, the 0-25 SEND Code of Practice, the National Curriculum and Ofsted's Common Inspection Framework. [@OptimusSEND](#) [@OptimusEd](#)



Aspirations are about **connecting the future** with what is **happening now**

It's only when there is activity both in the now and a vision for the future that can we say we're in the aspiration zone! Minimal activity now and no clear aim for the future leads to hibernation.



However, intense activity now with no eye on the future is simply perspiration. Whereas a plan for the future and no activity now is just imagination!

