



Helping children with autism do well in school

Every child is different

Schools help children get to know about the world.

Children with autism need:

- **a calm place to learn things**
- **to know when things are going to change**
- **to know why things are going to change**
- **to be asked about school and their choices about school**

Families need support and understanding

Parents of children with autism often have lots of stress.

They spend a lot of their time telling people about autism.

Parents and carers of children with autism want:

- **professionals to understand that parents are the people that know their child best. Professionals are people like teachers.**
- **more information about autism**

- **more information about where to get support and advice**
- **more information about how to help their child with autism**
- **better ways of coping with autism**
- **better plans and advice given at the right time**
- **schools to let more parents of children with autism help and advice teachers**

Professionals need advice and ideas

Professionals who work with children with autism want advice and ideas about how to help them in school.

They want:

- **More information about autism**
- **Good advice and training about how to help children with autism**
- **Ideas and advice on how to support a challenging child. This is when a child's behaviour is harder to manage.**
- **More access to other services, for example speech therapists and occupational therapists.**

Speech therapists are experts in how to talk.

Occupational therapists support people who have been ill or injured back into everyday life.

How the Autism Education Trust can help?

The Autism Education Trust was set up to help children get the best out of school.

We looked at how people with autism are being taught in schools all over England.

You can see what we found out on our website:

www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk

We plan to:

- set up a website to give information for parents, professionals and young people with autism**
- set up groups that give people with autism a say in what we do**
- set up a Youth Council for children and young people with autism to get involved in what we do**

- **do more work to find out what children with autism need in school**
- **find better ways for parents and young people with autism to get support**

Different formats

Please ask if you would like this in a different format:

- **large print**
- **Braille**
- **audio**
- **a different language**

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