

All Aboard for Autism



FAQs

1. What is my minimum fundraising amount?

The minimum amount is £35 per child (ages 3-15) and £45 per adult (age 16+). To receive your free Drayton Manor Theme Park ticket, you will need to reach your minimum fundraising amount by event day, Sunday 22 September. Children aged 0-2 years have no set target and can enter the park for free.

2. Can we have a team fundraising page?

If you're part of a team, we recommend using one fundraising page with a collective minimum fundraising amount. For example, if you have two adults and two children in your team, your overall target will be £160.

3. When is the deadline for all sponsorship money?

The deadline for your minimum fundraising amount is Sunday 22 September. The deadline for all remaining sponsorship monies is four weeks after the event (Monday 20 October 2019), and you will receive your certificates shortly after this.

4. How do I show I have reached my minimum fundraising amount?

- If you raised the money online, you just need to send your fundraising page link to allaboard@nas.org.uk and we can check your total.
- If you raised all or some money offline, please bring a copy of your sponsorship form on the day and any offline cash money.

5. Why is there a minimum fundraising amount?

Like any event, it costs money to organise. Unfortunately, your registration fee doesn't cover all the costs of putting on the event and entry into the park, so we ask for a minimum fundraising amount to ensure these costs are covered with as much money as possible still going towards the National Autistic Society. The more you raise over your minimum fundraising target, the bigger the difference you're making!

6. What happens if I don't raise the minimum fundraising amount?

It is important that everyone reaches the minimum fundraising amount of £35 per child (ages 3-15) and £45 per adult (age 16+) to ensure the National Autistic Society doesn't lose money from your participation, and the majority of what you raise helps support autistic people and their families.

If you don't reach the minimum amount by the deadline, you can pay in the remaining sponsorship amount at the event to the staff at the registration desk. You must reach the minimum fundraising amount to receive your Drayton Manor Theme Park tickets.



7. Will the National Autistic Society help me with my fundraising?

Of course, this is what we are here for! Once you've registered you should receive a welcome e-pack (please check your junk/spam inbox) full of helpful information and downloadable fundraising materials and guides. You'll also receive regular emails with fundraising ideas, and we encourage you to join our Team Autism Facebook Group to meet other 'All Aboarders' who you can share and learn ideas from.

You can also contact our Supporter Care Team anytime on 0808 800 1050 to order fundraising materials (such as buckets and t-shirts) and they have a 'worried about fundraising' leaflet to help provide reassurance and information.

8. How do I send in offline/cash donations?

- You can use our paying in slips at any Barclays bank branch and can request these from fundraising@nas.org.uk.
- Write out a cheque to: National Autistic Society. Then post it to: The Events Team, National Autistic Society, 393 City Road, London EC1V 1NG. Please include a note with your name and that you are taking part in All Aboard for Autism.
- You can add the money onto your JustGiving page by paying it online through your account.

9. How do I record offline/cash donations on my JustGiving page?

After you have sent in your offline donations please record this on your JustGiving page. To do this [view the instructions](#) from JustGiving.

10. If there is an issue with my online fundraising page, who should I contact?

You will need to contact JustGiving directly. [You can view their help page here.](#)

11. Is gift aid included on my fundraising total?

Unfortunately, we do not count gift aid towards your fundraising total.

12. How do I order fundraising materials?

To order items such as tins, buckets and t-shirts you need to email your materials order form to fundraising@nas.org.uk or call our Supporter Care Team on 0808 800 1050.

13. How do I get my theme park tickets?

You will be allocated your theme park tickets after the walk has finished, the same time you collect your medal and goody bag. To qualify, you must have reached your minimum fundraising amount, £35 per child (ages 3-15) and £45 per adult (age 16+).

14. Do the tickets have to be used on the same day?

Yes, they can only be used on Sunday 22 September 2019.

15. Will there be food and drink available?

There will be tea/coffee available to buy before the walk. There are lots of different cafes



16. Can I get a disability access wristband for the theme park?

There is a disabled wristband collection point from the main Drayton Manor ticket area. You can collect these wristbands after the walk if you need them. You need to bring proof of disability to get a wristband. This could be: a statement of special educational needs; proof of receipt of Personal Independence Payments or Employment Support Allowance; or a letter from your doctor. For more information, please view the [Drayton Manor access guide](#) and any questions please contact Drayton Manor Guest Services at enquiries@draytonmanor.co.uk or call 01827 287979.

17. Where can I park?

There will be space to park in the Drayton Manor hotel car park or on the field just behind the hotel next to the marquee. Both are less than five minutes walking distance to the registration desk.

18. What should I wear and bring with me?

Check the weather report before you come to see if it will be hot or cold. Though be prepared, this is the British weather so anything could happen! Make sure you have some sun cream, waterproof jacket, light fleece, comfortable socks and shoes.

We also encourage you all to wear either your favourite Thomas & Friends clothes/merchandise or you can order one of our new charity branded t-shirts from our merchandise order form or online shop. T-shirts and hoodies are also available to buy on the day.

19. Is the visit to the theme park part of the autism-friendly event?

All Aboard for Autism includes the sponsored walk around the park, and morning activities (from 9am-12pm). This part of the day is managed by the National Autistic Society events team and is set up to be as autism-friendly as possible - it's located in a private space just outside the theme park, on the hotel grounds.

The second part of the day is visiting the theme park. This isn't obligatory, but you have the option to get free tickets by reaching your minimum fundraising amount for the sponsored walk. The park is not closed off for this event, so there will be members of the general public there. We've worked with the park to pick one of their quieter weekend days of the year, and Drayton Manor staff are aware the event is happening and have had training should you require assistance. You can also arrange for a disability wristband in advance of your visit through the park staff by contacting Drayton Manor Guest Services at enquiries@draytonmanor.co.uk or call 01827 287979.

20. Who should I contact if I have more questions?

- If you have any questions about the All Aboard for Autism event, please email allaboard@nas.org.uk.
- If you have any questions about Drayton Manor Theme Park or disability access wristbands, please contact Drayton Manor Guest Services on 01827 287979 or email enquiries@draytonmanor.co.uk.
- If you have any questions regarding fundraising materials, please contact our Supporter Care Team at fundraising@nas.org.uk.

