

Autism

Autism is a lifelong neuro-developmental difference meaning it is a condition that affects the development of the brain. Autism affects the way a person communicates and interacts with others, how information is processed and how the person makes sense of the world.

The autistic population is highly diverse, and autism manifests differently from person to person.

There is a reciprocal relationship between the autistic learner and the environment and the people around them. With appropriate understanding and adjustments autistic people can flourish.



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The Autism Toolbox is managed by Education Scotland and developed by the Autism Toolbox Working Group.



To contact the Toolbox working group send suggestions, case studies and share free resources email

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A free online resource for teachers, support staff and local authorities



The Autism Toolbox :

Supports autism and inclusive education

Provides an overview of the identification and support pathway

Shares information, research, resources and approaches

Supports professional reflection and learning



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Local Authorities

The Autism Toolbox is a free online resource designed for teachers and local authority staff to provide information and guidance on supporting autistic learners and their families



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The Autism Toolbox is designed for all educational practitioners.

It aims to help staff support autistic learners and their families within the framework of Curriculum for Excellence and the Getting it right for every child approach.

The Autism Toolbox can support:

- Professional development and reflection
- GTCS Professional Update and Professional Recognition
- Initial Teacher Education
- Advanced study in autism and inclusive



The Autism Toolbox provides:

Up to date information, set within the Scottish educational, health and social context of autism and inclusive practice

Free information, guidance, resources and professional learning opportunities for educational practitioners, schools and local authorities on autism and inclusive practice

An overview of the autism identification and support pathway

The Autism Toolbox provides local authorities with guidance and information on the collaborative process of planning and supporting autistic learners.

The Autism Toolbox aims to:

- Support strategic planning for professional learning on autism and inclusive practice
- Improve our autistic learner's educational experiences
- Promote collaborative practice and understanding
- Raise awareness of the autism identification and support pathway
- Standardise practice across Scotland
- Improve inclusive Scottish Education

Our vision is that individuals on the autism spectrum are respected, accepted and valued by their communities and have confidence in services to treat them fairly so that they are able to have meaningful and satisfying lives.

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