

Early Years Autism Support

Nottingham City
Autism Team



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Who do we support?

We work with children over 2 who have a diagnosis of autism or have a paediatrician appointment pending a diagnosis of autism

What do we do?

We work closely with parents, settings and schools to ensure a smooth transition into school nurseries or school.

In the meantime you can help support the child by-

- Using clear, simple language
- Using visuals to support transitions and to aid understanding
- Having a routine that helps to provide predictability and reassurance. Using visuals to support this will help with school readiness
- Ensure all staff have the same consistent approach
- Creating a one page profile with key information that is clear and accessible
- Look at the environment to see if any simple changes could help. Does the child have access to a quieter area if they need space etc
- Attend Making Sense of Autism Training – we regularly deliver training virtually that can be found on Eventbrite – Nottingham City Council IES

You will find resources to support the above strategies here along with other resources that you may find useful



What does our support look like?

We can offer a home visit to meet parents followed up by regular visits to the setting. We link with the school SENCo to ensure they have the information they need and follow this up by offering 2 visits to school during the first half term so we can support staff with resources and strategies.

Support looks different for every child dependent on individual need

When can you refer to our team?

As soon as the child meets the above criteria. In order to ensure an effective transition the latest date we can accept referrals is May half term before the September start – THE EARLIER THE BETTER!!

Referrals can be made by the paediatrician or nursery setting following the link below

[Referral for a Nottingham City Send Specialist Support Service for Children in the Early Years - Nottingham City Council](#)