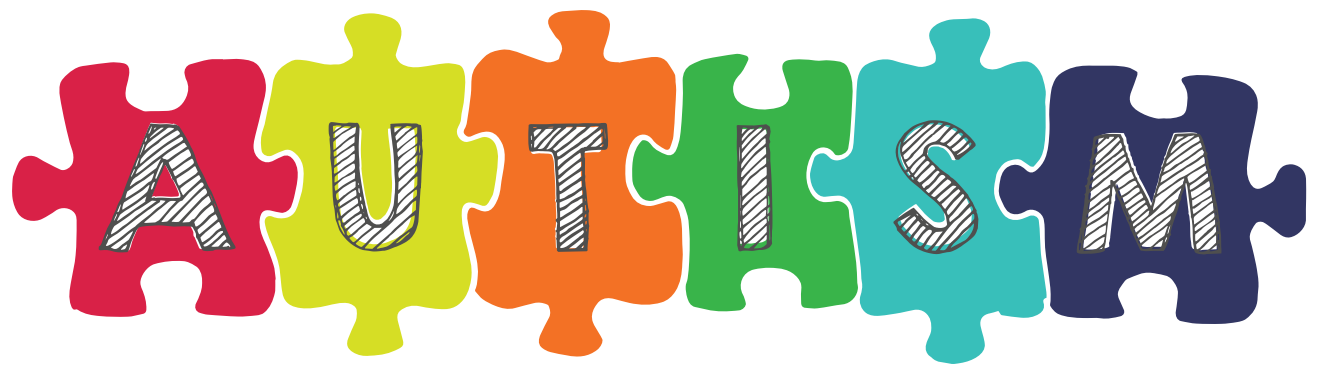




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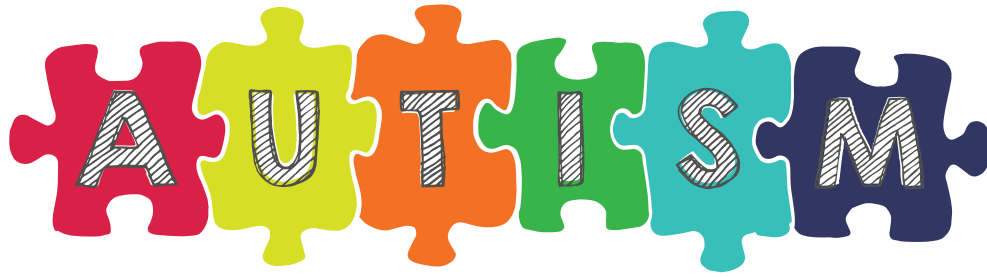


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SPECTRUM DISORDER

What is



Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is characterised by persistent and pervasive difficulties with social communication and interaction (e.g., difficulties making and maintaining friendships), combined with restricted and repetitive behaviours (e.g., distress at changes in routine).

These difficulties are present across multiple contexts (e.g., both home and school) and adversely impact on a young person's functioning.

Our Autism assessment package has been developed so that your child and your family is at the centre of the process.



Psychology 365 diagnostic assessments involve

Detailed information collection using specialised assessment tools

Expert formulation of your child's strengths and weaknesses

An understanding of your child's difficulties and needs

Provision of tailored recommendations for support

Who

can have an ASD assessment

Young people aged 8-19 years old showing traits associated with ASD.

We are also able to assess children from 6 years if they have a speech and language therapy assessment report.

Individuals **WITHOUT** a diagnosed moderate to severe learning disability (this is characterised by functioning no more than 3 years behind chronological age).

Individuals with fluent and coherent speech.





What



does an ASD assessment involve

The 'gold-standard' approach to diagnosing Autism in children is to have several clinicians involved. This is known as a multi-disciplinary approach and ensures that we can complete the most comprehensive and objective assessment for your child.

Our highly experienced multi-disciplinary team work hard to ensure that the assessment includes all the relevant information to get the right outcome for your child.

1. Screening Pack

Prior to the assessment, we ask that parents and teachers at school complete a pre-assessment screening pack. This includes questionnaires about your perspective and your child's teacher's perspective of what may be going on for your child. These responses help us to screen for ASD, ADHD and mental health difficulties.

Our screening pack has been expertly developed to ensure that an ASD assessment is the most appropriate assessment for your child.

2. Assessment Appointments

A comprehensive face to face appointment will take place for your child. This will be with one of our Clinical Psychologists and Speech and Language Therapists at Psychology 365. Additional clinics may be available.

We use multiple assessment tools with your child including the ADOS-2 and the 3Di, with parents or carers, in addition to obtaining a detailed developmental history and having conversations and making observations.

These assessment tools involve activities and tasks to explore how your child understands and navigates the world around them. We offer a flexible approach, putting your child first at all times. We understand the importance of building a rapport, and we work hard to help your child feel safe throughout.

During your assessment, we will also assess for mental health concerns, ADHD and learning problems.

3. Formulation

A formulation is a working understanding of what is going on for your child. A diagnostic formulation discussion between clinicians, with consultation and supervision from the wider team if needed, will take place to ensure that we get the right diagnosis.



4. Feedback

We aim to offer a feedback appointment within two weeks. This is for you, with both practitioners who completed the assessment. We will review everything that we completed together, including the outcome and our recommendations.

5. Report

All of the information from the assessment will be detailed in a report, which will be shared with you right after the feedback appointment. The report will clearly detail any diagnosis given, wider formulation and recommendations most appropriate for your child. We also offer the opportunity for you to request amendments to the report.



How much?

will it cost

Assessments of this level of detail and quality require many years of training and experience, and are considered to be the gold-standard ASD assessment for Children, Adolescents and Young People. Clinical Psychologists are often regarded as the most qualified profession to complete these assessments.

Psychology 365 prides itself on the professionalism and quality of these assessments, and for pricing of the assessments please get in touch.

A cognitive assessment and school observations can also be included. Additional fees apply.

The screening process is free of charge. Once we have reviewed the completed screening packs, and we agree that an ASD assessment is appropriate for your child, we require a 20% deposit to proceed with your booking.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.



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