

Some Characteristics of A.S.D



Inappropriate laughing or giggling







May not want cuddling



Sustained unusual or repetitive play; Uneven physical or verbal skills



May avoid eye contact



May prefer to be alone



Difficulty in expressing needs; May use gestures



Inappropriate attachments to objects



Insistence on sameness



Echoes words or phrases



Inappropriate response or no response to sound



Spins objects or self



Difficulty in interacting with others



Top tips When teaching children with ASD



Don't make it too exciting for me to cope with



Don't get cross-Tell me what you want me to do not what you want me to stop doing

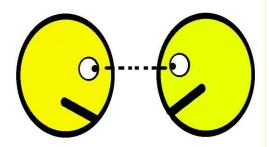


I might panic if you invade my personal space

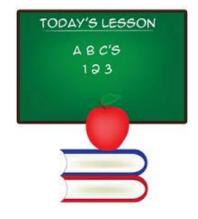


When you use a quiet, calm voice and speak Using a low pitch I am happier

Eye-Contact



If I am upset I can't cope with eye contact



Use the same structure to your lesson each week I hate change and find sameness comforting



School expectation when teaching children with ASD

- Use a **Total communication** approach in all lessons. This will include signing, the use of symbols and a multisensory approach to learning.
- All work will be differentiated according to ability.
- Your classroom should be tidy and orderly at all times.
- Have a lesson structure that you adhere to. This may for example include a song to begin, then a power point, then worksheets, then a more relaxing activity, then a calm plenary and then the calmer classrooms music.
- There will be a **symbol schedule** (work card) of this structure available for students to see.
- Pre- arranged seating for each child in the class so that they have the same seating each lesson.