



**Ambitious
about Autism**

Time for Ambition

Our strategy 2024 – 26

An easy read guide explaining
Ambitious about Autism's strategy.





What is a strategy?

A strategy is a plan of things that need to be done.

Our strategy explains how we will support autistic children and young people between 2024 and 2026.



Our vision

We want autistic children and young people to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

Why we're needed



More than one in 100 people in the UK are autistic.



Autistic children and young people face lots of challenges.



Autistic pupils often don't get the right support at school.



Lots of autistic people are not employed.



It's hard to get an autism diagnosis.



Families worry about their autistic child getting the right support.



Autistic people are not always understood, accepted or supported.

Our principles

Our strategy is supported by these principles.



Participation

We work alongside autistic children and young people and their families.



Equity, diversity and inclusion

We want to include autism in every way.



Partnership

We work with people who share our values.



Sustainability

We want to be a more sustainable organisation.



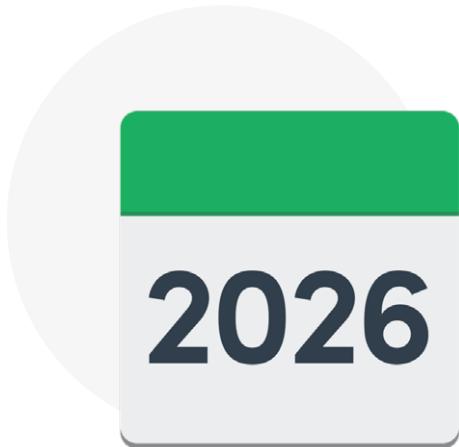
Impact

We identify gaps in support for autistic children and young people.



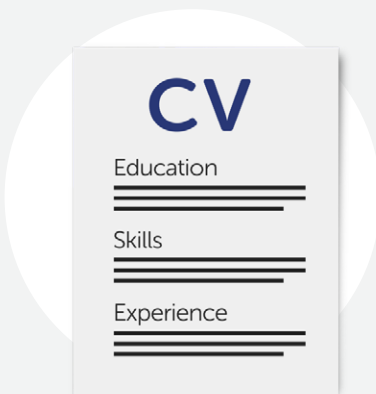
Innovation

We develop models of high-quality support.



What we'll do

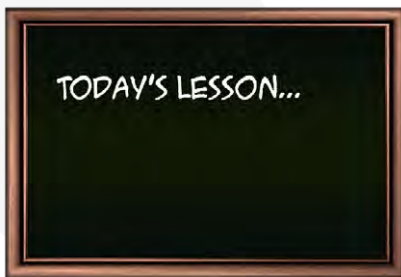
The next years are critical.



We will continue to build on our core expertise in education and employability.



We will also engage in other areas that are essential for autistic children and young people.

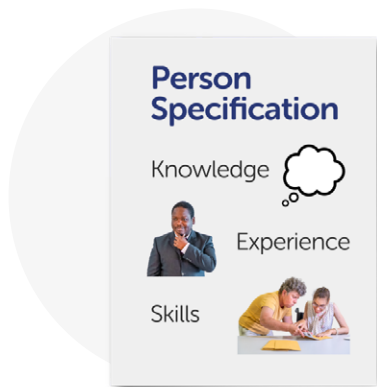


Excellent education

We want all autistic children and young people to have an inclusive education.



We will do this by developing our specialist schools and colleges and working with others to improve autism education.

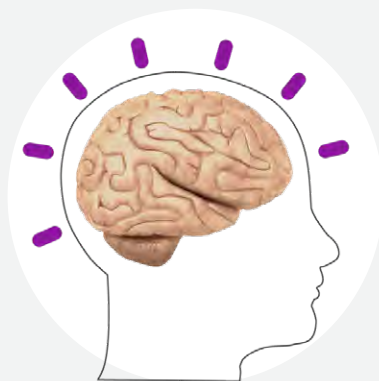


Employment and enterprise

We want autistic children and young people to have good careers education and work experience opportunities.



We will help young people have these opportunities through our Employ Autism programme.



Health and wellbeing

Good physical and mental health and wellbeing are essential so young people can thrive.



We will make sure young people get support at the right time for their mental health and wellbeing.

Active citizenship in the community

We want autistic children and young people, and their families, to be able to influence the decisions that affect their lives.



To do this we will expand our Ambitious Youth Network – our online network where autistic young people aged 13-25 can connect with each other.



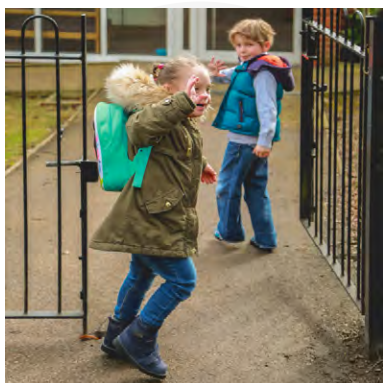


Family and relationships

We want families to have better knowledge to support their autistic children and young people.



We will provide information and guidance for families in several ways, including through online communities and peer support.



We will provide a specialist support service for autistic children and young people and their families who attend our schools and colleges.



Influencing policy

We will focus on the changes that autistic children and young people and their families want.



We will use our knowledge and expertise.



We will focus our work on what will make the most difference.

How we'll approach change

To help us meet our objectives, we need to refresh ways of working in certain areas.



Governance and leadership

We will have strong governance and leadership.



People and culture

We will continue to make Ambitious about Autism a great place to work.



Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI)

EDI will underpin all our work.



Digitalisation

We will invest in digital technology.



Services

Our services will be effective and efficient.



Evidence

We will build evidence around the needs of autistic children and young people.



Fundraising

We will grow our fundraising to support our strategy.



Efficiency and cost effectiveness

We will get the best value for money for our spending.



Thank you for reading our strategy.

We are Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism is the national charity standing with autistic children and young people.

We believe every autistic child and young person has the right to be themselves and realise their ambitions.

We started as one school and have become a movement for change. We champion rights, campaign for change and create opportunities.

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