



Trinity Core SEND Offer:

AUTISM (ASD)

What is autism (ASD)?

- Autism is a condition that affects social communication skills.
- It impacts on how students interact with the physical and social environment.

Core Quality-First Teaching Strategies for ASD

- Provide instructions that are visual (e.g. visual prompts) and well as verbal
- Simply language as much as possible – avoid sarcasm and metaphors which may be taken literally
- Allow more time to process instructions where possible
- Explicitly teach behavioural expectations and routines to prevent misunderstanding or confusion
- Check regularly they are managing ok (use a 5-point emotion scale where necessary – ask SEND department).
- Have clear classroom routines and give warnings of any changes to routine.
- Teaching students how other people / characters feel in a topic if they show difficulty with empathy.