

What is Autism?

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Some facts and figures about Autism

What is autism?

Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.

How common is autism?

Autism occurs every 1 in 68 kids and 1 in 42 for boys, so it is a lot more likely for a boy to get autism rather than a girl. There are around 700,00 autistic people within the UK.

Bullying

34% of kids suffer from being bullying and are often picked on. 63% of the autistic kids are not in the best supportive schools. 17% of kids have been suspended from schools; 48% more have suspended three more times and 4% have been excluded from one or more schools. 70% of autistic adults are not getting the help they need from social services. At least 1/3 adults suffer from mental health issues due to complete lack of support. 16% of autistic people are in full time paid jobs; 32% are in some kind of paid work leaving 52% of autistic with jobs this leads to them receiving no pay due to harsh and unfair treatment. ONLY 10% of autistic adults receive treatment although 53% of the autistic spectrum want it.



Support/treatment

EVERONE can help autistic people but what we need to do is ACT. To help them we need to communicate with them and make sure that they should appreciate who they are because like we know they are one of a kind. If we could all be tolerant and understanding that would make an incredible difference. Support and encouragement can and will enable autistic children to become confident and assured adults.

Research data from the National Autistic Society Website