

Autism Family Support is a project of '**Children in Touch**'.

Children in Touch aims to support the therapeutic education of children with autism in Oxfordshire and surrounding areas. In particular it helps support the work of the Autism Resource Bases, and helps to develop further therapeutic and educational services.

Contact the Chair Jan Sanders on 01865 434781.

We are primarily funded by grant making trusts and are constantly fundraising.

Our work is supported by **OASIS** - the Oxfordshire Autistic Society for Information and Support. Run by parents and volunteers, OASIS offers help to parents and carers of children and young people with ASD in Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties, as well as to professionals working in this field. OASIS holds monthly meetings and attracts nationally famous and respected speakers. There is a newsletter, a large library and play days in all school holidays.

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Autism Family Support

*Supporting families & developing
services across Oxfordshire*

The Autism Family Support project offers information and support for people with a child, young person or family member on the autism spectrum.

Services for families

- Support via home visits, telephone or email, especially following diagnosis or at crisis points.
- Family Information Pack – A free pack for parents/carers providing information on autism, and local and national services and resources.
- Advice and home visits to help with behaviour and strategies.
- Parent support groups.
- Information about talks, training and developments in your area.
- Access to helpful resources.
- We can put you in contact with other parents.

We recommend all families receive at least one home visit and the Family Information Pack.

We also:

- Organise and respond to requests for training, workshops and events.
- Liaise with agencies across Oxfordshire.
- Raise awareness of the needs of people on the autism spectrum
- Have a mailing list for families and organisations.

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Services for children & young people

Befriending Scheme

We recruit and train volunteers then carefully match them to a child or young person on the autism spectrum. Befrienders visit the child on a weekly basis and engage in play and leisure activities.

Youth Groups for young people with Asperger Syndrome

We run 3 youth groups in Oxford and one in Abingdon. The groups are separated by age range and caters for young people from Oxfordshire with Asperger Syndrome (or high functioning autism) aged 8-21.

Summer & Easter Activities

For 10-19 year olds with Asperger Syndrome (or high functioning autism).

Workshops

Occasional workshops may include Social Skills, Sex and Relationships Education, digital media, music, workshops for siblings, or bespoke workshops requested by parents or professionals.

'Oxford Aspies' group

A social group for people aged over 18 with Asperger Syndrome (or high functioning autism).

Services for organisations and people supporting someone on the autism spectrum

- Autism specific expertise
- Access to resources on autism.
- Service development and Partnership working
- Training for you/your staff
- Mailing list to keep you informed of developments or training in the area
- Answer queries - if we don't know the answer to your query, we normally know someone who does!

Volunteering opportunities

Volunteers are always needed to support our youth groups, play schemes, office admin or as a Befriender. Contact us for more information

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