



**Ambitious
about Autism**

Our three-year strategy 2021–2024

An easy read explaining
Ambitious about Autism's strategy





Introduction

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



This strategy outlines how we will help autistic children and young people from 2021 - 2024.



What is our vision?

Our vision is for a future where every autistic child and young person can be themselves and achieve their ambitions.

Why are we needed?



We know an autism diagnosis is hard to access.



The number of autistic pupils receiving support in schools has been increasing every year.



Employment is still out of reach for many autistic young people.



Now is the time for change. Now is the time for ambition.

How are we going to do it?

We will put children and young people at the heart of everything that we do.

We will continue to build on our knowledge of education and employment.





We will focus on other areas that are essential for autistic children and young people, like good health and wellbeing.



This will encourage them to reach their full potential.

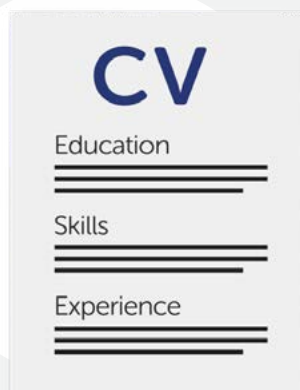


What do we need to do?

We will focus our work around:

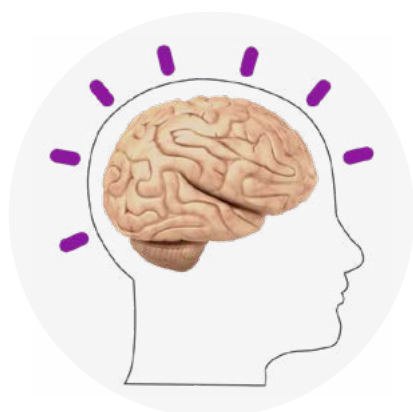
Excellent education

Our aim is that all autistic children and young people have an excellent and inclusive education.



Employment and enterprise

We want every autistic young person to have access to good careers education.



Health and wellbeing

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



Family and relationships

Being connected to others is vital. We will provide peer networks and information tailored to autistic children and young people, and their families.



Active citizenship in the community

Inclusion is just as important in the community as it is in education or employment.



Influencing policy and practice nationally

We'll work with autistic young people and their families to improve their access to excellent education, quality health support, and fulfilling careers.



We will continue to develop our strong foundations including:

- **governance and leadership**
- **people and culture**
- **fundraising and finances**
- **marketing and communications**
- **research and evaluation**
- **digital information and technology.**

These will support our strategy.

What are our values?

Children and young people with autism are at the heart of everything that we do.



We are ambitious for autistic children and young people and our work.



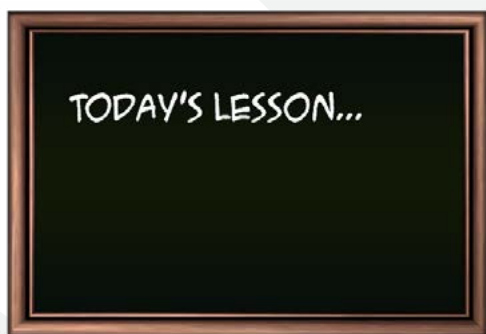
We celebrate difference creating a world where everyone belongs.



We are open
to new approaches,
in how we make
decisions, and engage
with our community.



We work together
with autistic children and
young people, parents
and carers, our partners
and staff to maximise
impact.



We love learning
and commit to learn
from our successes and
mistakes.

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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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