

A Personal Perspective

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- How I was affected
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The main difficulties I faced

- Communication
- Processing
- Lack of imagination & empathy
- Sensitivity
- Need for routine & structure
- High anxiety levels

How I was affected

Primary School

- Didn't 'fit in' with other children
- Difficulty assimilating information
- Playground
- PE & the Arts

Secondary School

- All previous difficulties intensified
- Contact with teaching staff
- Getting round the school
- Statement of SEN

Special School

Benefits

- Smaller environment
- Trained staff
- 24 hour curriculum

Drawbacks

- Boarding
- Lack of academic curriculum
- No positive role models

Sixth Form

- Benefits of mainstream
- Caring ethos of the school

How education has changed

- More awareness among schools
- Inclusion
- Every Child Matters
- Disability Discrimination legislation
- Personalised learning