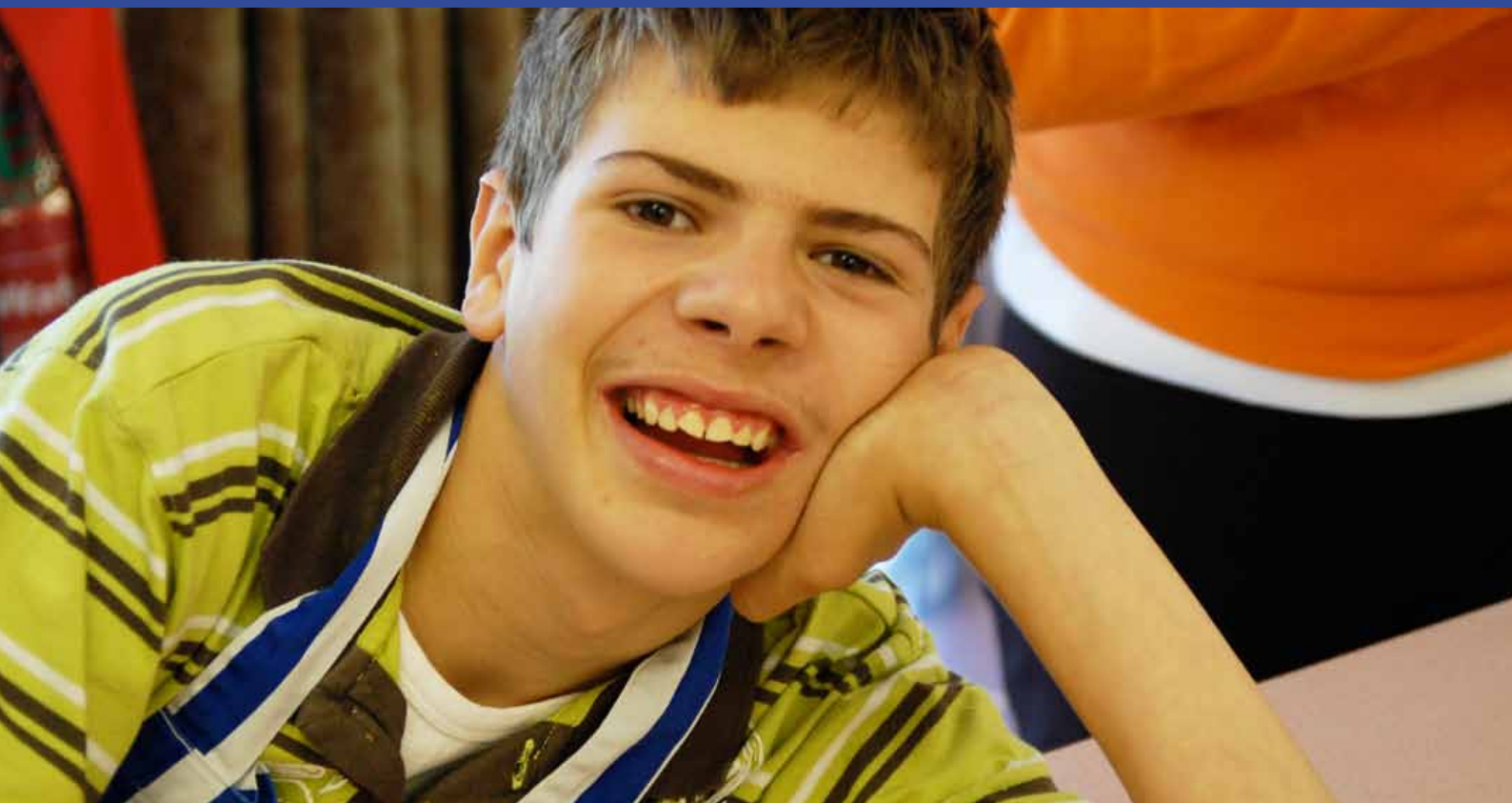




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Autism is a lifelong disability. About 1 in 100 people have autism.



People with autism may find it hard to take part in everyday life.



Education is very important to children and young people with autism and their families.



A lot of children and young people at school have Special Educational Needs (SEN) meaning they need extra help with their work.



Children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) are more likely to be excluded from school than children without SEN.



Lots of children with autism have been bullied.



The Government has put a lot of money into making education for children and young people with autism better. It is very important that this money is used well and helps to make a difference.



To be able to do this the people that write education plans need to have good information and advice.

What is the Autism Education Trust (AET)?



The Autism Education Trust (AET) began in 2007 after lots of organisations said that there needed to be better education for all children with autism. To find out more you can visit the Autism Education Trust (AET) website at:



www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk

What does the Autism Education Trust (AET) do?

The Autism Education Trust (AET):



- Helps people learn how best to support children and young people with autism in education.



- Works with other organisations to share information about autism education.



- Works with children and young people with autism to make education services and information better across the country.



How will the Autism Education Trust (AET) do this?



It will make sure it keeps up to date on what is happening in education to help children and young people with autism.

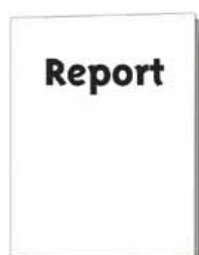


It will share the good things happening in education to help children and young people with autism.



It will link up the government and other organisations involved in education.

The Work the Autism Education Trust (AET) has done:



The Autism Education Trust (AET) has written a report that looks at education for children and young people with autism across England. This report has helped the Autism Education Trust.



You can read an Easy Read version of this report online at:

<http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/~media/AET/Assets/Global/PDFs/Easy%20Read%20Version%20of%20the%20Research%20Summary.ashx>

What the Autism Education Trust (AET) has done:



- Set up a website with information and advice about the autism spectrum and education.



- Set up an Advisory Council and Youth Council to give parents, professionals, children and young people a say in what the AET does.



- Looked at different ways to contact parents, families, children and young people with autism and set up a regular email newsletter.



- Held conferences and events to help people working with children and young people with autism share what they know and find out more from people who do it really well.



- Added a special section on the website for teenagers and young adults with autism and their friends with short films and games.



- Produced a big book of resources called 'Tools for Teachers' on the website to help teachers find things to help children with autism in school.

next:



- Work towards making England a place where people with autism feel welcome.



- Work with the people who decide how many places there are in schools for young people with autism.



- Find out how much it costs to help a young person with autism in school.



- Make it easier for people to find out about what's new in autism education.



- Help autism organisations to work together.



- Help children with autism have their say.



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