

Preparing Autistic Pupils to Return to Education Settings



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Learning Aims

- To consider the actions you can take to prepare autistic pupils for the return to education settings.



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Preparing autistic pupils....

- Arrange a walk round visit or virtual tour.
- Provide a photobook.
- Provide video information of new staff.



Preparing autistic pupils...

- Create and clearly label safe spaces.
- Emphasise anything that remains the same.



Preparing autistic pupils....

- Provide (or write with the family) personalised social stories to use at home.
- Video examples or visual instructions of new rules.
- Virtual question and answer preparation sessions for pupils (and parents).

Checklist...

- Does the pupil know what their timetable will be?
- Does the pupil know what will be expected of them during the first few weeks?
- Does the pupil have an identified safe space they can retreat to?
- Have you shared updated information about the pupil with all their teachers and support staff?



Further AET Resources...

- Covid-19 Information Centre:

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/covid-19-information-centre/>

Where you will find our latest Tools for Teachers Covid-19 edition booklet and a wealth of support materials from our partners across England.

- All of our Covid-19 content is free to access and download. The full Tools for Teachers, consisting of 44 tools, is available to purchase for £35.99 here:

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