



We are here to help you support a child in your setting who has autism or communication difficulties

The Puzzle Schools and Nurseries service is delivered by an expert multi-disciplinary team



Our team are highly qualified in their fields with many years of experience of working with children with autism or communication difficulties

We have the skills and experience to make a difference



To find out more about how we can help, please call us on 01296 711547



# Autism Support for School and Nurseries



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Supporting schools and nurseries in the understanding and education of children with autism or communication difficulties

Ages 2-11

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Puzzle Centre knows that children with autism or communication difficulties sometimes require a differentiated approach in terms of understanding and developing their attention and listening skills, their communication skills and their ability to manage their emotions.

We understand that it can be difficult to engage these children in academic activities, making it a challenge to meet the requirements of the curriculum. We also know that such children can find the social aspect of their school or nursery difficult to cope with.

### We can provide you with practical advice:

- Based on the experience of our outreach service for children aged up to 11 years and our specialist nursery, we can offer a structured programme looking at what's working well and what might be the next steps in helping a child reach their potential
- The Puzzle Schools and Nurseries Service can provide you with an agreed programme of practical support, drawing on the experience of our highly qualified team of specialist teachers and therapists.

### The Puzzle Schools and Nurseries service includes:

- Our Specialist Teachers help you to understand the child's development and early educational approaches
- Our Speech and Language Therapists provide help with the development of communication and interaction
- Our Occupational Therapists help address physical and sensory differences that might impact on daily life
- Our Special Learning Assistants (SLA's) work directly with a child supervised by the Lead Teacher or Therapist

### Our service will provide you with the tools and structure to support children with autism or communication difficulties in your setting



## What is available?

### With parent's consent we can offer the following:

- Consultation/Visit from a Puzzle Centre Specialist (Specialist Teacher, Specialist Speech and Language Therapist or Specialist Occupational Therapist)
- Ongoing support, including regular visits from a Special Learning Assistant carrying out tailored programmes
- SCERTS\* initial assessment and practical plan (with or without detailed report)
- Speech and Language Assessment, Reports and Therapy
- Occupational Therapy Assessments, Reports and Therapy
- Autism Education Trust (AET) whole staff training at your school or nursery



We use a range on assessment and teaching approaches\* including **SCERTS\*\* educational model (Social Communication, Emotional Regulation, Transactional Support)** to assess and plan an individually tailored programme to support your child's development.

\*We draw upon evidence based on good practice in autism education including Hanen More Than Words, TEACCH, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Intensive Interaction, ABA, Attention Autism as well as the SCERTS educational model

\*\*[www.scerts.com](http://www.scerts.com)

