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## General Advice and Training

Autism Awareness training and general advice is available on request to all settings.

Training is also offered through the DAIS programme.

### Work with other agencies

The Autism Outreach team is committed to liaising with other professional who are involved in supporting a pupil referred to the service. Where possible and appropriate, collaborative working with these professional will be undertaken.



**For further information please contact:**

#### **THE AUTISM OUTREACH TEAM**

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Autism Outreach is a small team of specialist teachers available across the County (excluding Derby City) to support pupils and schools. The team works with pupils with autism in mainstream schools.

### Other support available

Before making a referral, schools should make use of available resources, for example, The Derbyshire Autism Friendly File and A Child with Autism in My Setting. These are available at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/special\\_educational\\_needs/my\\_child/autism/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/special_educational_needs/my_child/autism/default.asp)

### Where is the team based?

We are based at Holbrook Centre for Autism, Portway, Belper, DE56 0TE and at Peak School, Buxton Road, Chinley, High Peak, SK23 6ES. Contact either school directly if you are unsure which team covers your area.

## Referral Procedure

### Which pupils do we work with?

Pupils within mainstream schools and local authority early years settings.

Pupils who have a confirmed diagnosis of autism or who are currently under medical assessment for autism

### Who can refer?

School can refer directly through their SENCO or headteacher.

The Pre-School Support Service for Special Educational Needs may also make a referral for a pupil preparing to transfer from an early years setting into a school.

Parents, carers and other agencies who wish to refer are directed to the pupil's school to discuss referral as above.

### Making a referral

Complete a referral form including confirmation of diagnosis and details of current support plan.

The pupil's parent or carer must agree to the referral.

For further information and to access the referral form, see the booklet *Making a referral to Autism Outreach* which is available at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/special\\_educational\\_needs/my\\_child/autism/default.asp](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/special_educational_needs/my_child/autism/default.asp)

## Autism Outreach offers

### For referrals which are accepted, the team will provide the following:

Observation of the pupil and learning environment leading to strategies for staff to use with the pupil

School visits as appropriate to advise on and evaluate appropriate approaches for the pupil

Liaison with other support services involved with the pupil

Consultation with parents

Advice on using The Autism Friendly School File and other resources.

Attendance at Annual Reviews and other meetings

Advice and support at key stage transfers.

Appropriate training for all staff.