

# Become an autism inclusive school



**Provide a supportive environment for neurodiverse pupils and become an Autism Impact Award Champion**





Through the Impact Award programme, Autism NI works in partnership with you to provide accredited training and support to promote inclusion and accessibility within your school.

**By becoming an autism inclusive school, you will experience improvements in:**

**Accessibility:** 1 in 20 children have a diagnosis of autism in Northern Ireland. Your school will promote best practice and social inclusion for the whole community.

**Equality compliance:** Every school in Northern Ireland is legally obligated to provide equal access to services for autistic individuals under the Disability Discrimination Act and Autism Act (NI) 2011.

**Staff confidence:** Becoming an autism inclusive school will increase staff knowledge and empower them to provide an appropriate learning environment for children. Confident, knowledgeable, and skilled staff will improve the education experience and wellbeing of your pupils.

**School and pupil relationship:** Providing reasonable adjustments for autistic students is not expensive but can make a big difference. Families will build trust and confidence in your staff team, promoting an open and positive relationship between parents, pupils and school.

**Once your school has achieved the award you will receive:**

- Individualised and ongoing support with our team during and after gaining the award.
- Use of the Autism NI Impact Award logo on your website and on any printed literature.
- An Autism NI Impact Award plaque to display at your school.
- Promotion as an Autism NI Impact Award Champion on our website and across all digital channels.
- 20% discount on upcoming training events.
- Literature for internal use, to help your staff team understand your school's commitment to autism accessibility.

To find out more or to sign up please call us on **028 9040 1729 (opt 4)** or email **[training@autismni.org](mailto:training@autismni.org)**

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