



## **Making Sense of Autism Across Surrey**

As Autism specialists, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Surrey ASC Outreach Service available free of charge to all mainstream secondary schools and specialist provisions in Surrey. We are happy to visit independent schools and schools outside of Surrey on a charged basis, details of which are available upon request.

Ofsted highlights the importance of lessons being planned to specifically address potential areas of difficulty and thereby remove barriers to student achievement. Successful schools have developed an ethos which pro-actively develops self-awareness, scaffolds strategies for self-regulation and provides opportunities to practise social skills.

We can support you in addressing these issues and offer the following support and guidance:

- Classroom observations and meetings with students.
- INSET Training: from a general overview of ASC or a specific Girls with Autism presentation both of which can include discussions relating to specific students or issues;
- Meetings with parents/carers and external agencies;
- Written reports following an Outreach visit that will include resources and suggested strategies. This can be followed up by further visits as necessary;
- E-mail and telephone advice, with personalised fact sheets available;
- Professionals open mornings to include a talk from our Head Teacher Sarah Wild, and a tour of the school.

A formal diagnosis of Autism is not necessary; Parents can request a visit via school, and Teachers and SENCO's can make a referral for any young person between the age of 11 and 18 who is currently attending school, who may have an ASC diagnosis, show traits of Autism and/or has social and communication difficulties and would benefit from autism related strategies. Please see our website for a referral form to access our service.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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