

Autism Voice Hertfordshire

The Specialist Advisory Team offers autism-specific training, Hertfordshire Autism Training (HAT), to schools and colleges in Hertfordshire. We are seeking to develop further, the way in which we include the views of children and young people in this, in a way that is accessible to them, to inform and further develop our autism training. We wish to include the videos, voices and views of the children and young people to ensure that their views are shared with schools and settings across Hertfordshire.

Who?

Children and young people (aged 5+) with a medical diagnosis of autism and who are aware of this.

What?

Choose only the questions below your child wants to answer. Please adapt and change any question to make it more relevant and accessible for your child.

Where?

Anywhere that your child feels comfortable to answer the questions at their own pace.

When?

Please return your child's contributions, with the signed consent forms to:
autism.voice@hertfordshire.gov.uk by Friday 31st March 2023

Why?

Gaining the views of children and young people is the most important part of our training as it enables us to focus on ensuring schools in Hertfordshire understand their views, experiences, needs and wishes.

How?

Please use whichever communication preference/style works for your child e.g., video, voice recordings, symbols, signing etc.

Options to consider:

1. Answer the questions via video
2. Answer the questions via voice recording
3. Answer the questions in writing, email or drawing
4. 5 words about autism using the QR code below
5. A mixture of all the above!

As the questions below are aimed at school age children from 5 to 18 with autism, we are aware there will be varying communication preferences and styles. Please feel free to adapt and rephrase the questions to ensure they're relevant and accessible for your child.

The Questions

- What is your name? How old are you?
- Please tell us about yourself. What are your interests?
- Do you prefer people to say that you have autism or that you are autistic?
- What is autism?
- What is it like having autism/being autistic?
- Do you tell people you have autism? Why?
- What helps you in school?
- What would you like teachers and school staff to know about autism?

Scan the QR code below to enter your 5 words about autism:



Would you like to support us further by answering questions on specific topics?

If so tick/highlight the topics below:

- *Communication and Interaction & social communication*
- *Emotional Regulation – sensory, interests, structure and routines, behaviour*
- *Transactional Supports – support and strategies*
- *Mental health*
- *Girls*
- *Sensory*
- *Hobbies/special interests*