

AUTISTIC TRAITS CHECKLIST

A Guideline Checklist for Referral

- *It is more the norm than the exception that challenges overlap and it is therefore vital that this list is not used in isolation.*
- *A diagnosis for Autism Spectrum Disorder can **ONLY** be conducted by a paediatrician or specialist psychologist or psychiatrist.*
- *Autism varies from mild to severe and it is important to support student sensitivities and any challenging behaviour, irrespective of a diagnosis, thereby allowing them to reach their full potential.*

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Autistic Trait	Yes	Details
Is over-sensitive to certain textures or sounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Resistant to change	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficulty in transferring skills from one area to another	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficulty with reading comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Abnormal use of tone/pitch in speech	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Engages in the same task repeatedly and/or in ritual behaviours	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Has unusual movement patterns	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Experiences anxiety and heightened behaviours in new situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inability to perceive risk/danger	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Responds to social interaction but does not initiate it	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficulty understanding jokes/figures of speech	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficulty reading social interactions	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Lack of awareness of personal space	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makes honest but inappropriate observations	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socially inappropriate eye contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is hyperactive/uncooperative/oppositional	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficulty maintaining friendships	<input type="checkbox"/>	