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Recommended Autism Resources

For Autism we always recommend the National Autistic Society website and resources: <http://www.nas.org.uk/>

We also recommend these journals:

- Good Autism Practice from the British Institute of Learning Disabilities
- British Journal of Special Educational Needs from the National Association of Special Educational Needs
- British Journal of Learning Support from the National Association of Special Educational Needs

BOOKS

- Abbott, C. **Special Educational Needs and the internet: Issues for the Inclusive Classroom**. London, Routledge Falmer. A good general resource for secondary schools.
- Ariel, C. Naseef, R (Ed). (2006) **Voices from the Spectrum: Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, People with Autism, and Professionals Share their Wisdom**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
This book is crammed with personal experiences and has a list of useful websites at the back.
- Attwood, T. (1998) **Asperger's Syndrome: A Guide for Parents and Professionals**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
The definitive text on Asperger Syndrome.
- Barnard, J, Prior, A and Potter, D. (2000) **Inclusion and Autism: Is it Working?** London, National Autistic Society.
A useful investigation into inclusion by the National Autistic Society.
- Baron-Cohen, S and Bolton, P. (1993) **Autism: The Facts**. Oxford, Oxford University Press.
An excellent descriptive text that clearly explains autism.
- Beaney, J and Kershaw, P. (2003) **Inclusion in the Primary Classroom: Support Materials for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, National Autistic Society.
This is an invaluable text filled with some excellent photocopiable resources.
- Brower, F. (2007) **100 Ideas for Supporting Pupils on the Autistic Spectrum**. London, Continuum.
Some useful ideas and strategies, a handy easily readable guide.
- DfES (Department for Education and Skills) (2002) **Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Good Practice Guidance: Guidance on Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, DfES.
- DfES (Department for Education and Skills) (2002) **Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Good Practice Guidance: 02 Pointers to Good Practice**. London, DfES.



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These useful texts are available to all schools

- Grandin, T and Johnson, C. (2006) **Animals in Translation**. London, Bloomsbury.
A fascinating first person account of the world of autism
- Gray, C (1994) **Comic Strip Conversations: Illustrated Interactions that Teach Conversation Skills to Students with Autism and Related Disorders**. Texas, Future Horizons.
- Gray, C (2000) **My New Social Stories Book: Illustrated Edition**. Texas: Future Horizons.
- Gray, C and Leigh White, A (2002) **My Social Stories Book**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
These three texts are almost essential. They provide excellent strategies for the visual learner
- Haddon, M. (2005) **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time**. London, Vintage.
Recommended by autistic adult Roz Blackburn. This novel gives an insightful view into the world of autism, and especially Asperger syndrome
- Hall, K. (2001) **Asperger Syndrome, the Universe and Everything**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
A fabulous personal account of living with Asperger syndrome.
- Hesmondhalgh, M (Ed). (2001) **Let Me In: Access and Inclusion for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, Jessica Kingsley. A good resource for secondary schools although many of the ideas are useful for other areas of education
- Hoopman, K. (2001) **Blue Bottle Mystery**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
- Hoopman, K. (2001) **Of Mice and Aliens**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
Good novels about Asperger Syndrome albeit less gritty and more child friendly
- Howley, M and Arnold, E. (2005) **Revealing the Hidden Social Code: Social Stories for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, Jessica Kingsley. An extremely useful text of Social Stories, slightly advanced.
- Howlin, P. (2004) **Autism and Asperger Syndrome: Preparing for Adulthood**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
An excellent resource for secondary schools and parents of adolescents with ASDs
- Howlin, P and Lawson, W. (2000) **Life Behind Glass: A Personal Account of Autism Spectrum Disorder**. London, Jessica Kingsley.
- Wendy Lawson; **An adult's fascinating account of life with Asperger syndrome**.
- Jordan, R. (1999) **Autistic Spectrum Disorders: An Introductory Handbook for Practitioners**. London, David Fulton.
An excellent starting point for anybody wishing to investigate Autism. Written in clear, understandable language.



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- Jordan, R and Jones, G. (1999) **Meeting the Needs of Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, David Fulton. Another good starting point for those working or living with children with Autism.
- Lawson, W and Blaes Calder, A. (2006) **AS poetry: Illustrated Poems from an Aspie Life**. London, Jessica Kingsley. Wendy Lawson's insight into the world of Asperger Syndrome as seen through her own poetry.
- Nguyen, A. (2006). **Creating an Autism Friendly Environment**. London. The National Autistic Society. An essential common sense guide to creating an autism friendly environment.
- Notbohm, E. (2005) **Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew**. Arlington, Future Horizons. This is a good overview of the needs of children with Autism, as written by the parent of an autistic child.
- Perepa, P. (2005). **Classroom and Playground: Support for Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London. The National Autistic Society. Another essential common sense guide to creating an autism friendly environment.
- Plimley, L and Bowen, M. (2006) **Autistic Spectrum Disorders in the Secondary School**. London, Paul Chapman. Some interesting and useful insights into the challenges faced by both pupils and staff in the secondary school.
- Powell, S. Jordan, R (Ed). (1997) **Autism and Learning: A Guide to Good Practice**. London, David Fulton. Some useful articles in this edited text. Of particular interest is the ICT article.
- Sainsbury, C. (2000) **Martian in the Playground: Understanding the Schoolchild with Asperger's Syndrome**. London, Lucky Duck. Claire Sainsbury; an adult with Asperger Syndrome has written this excellent text about the experiences of children with ASDs in school.
- Sherratt, D. (2005) **Support and Teach Children on the Autistic Spectrum**. Cambridge, LDA. Some useful, basic resources for Autism from this excellent SEN book series.
- Spooner, W. (2006) **The SEN Handbook for Trainee Teachers, NQTs and Teaching Assistants**. London, David Fulton. Absolutely essential, this is the key text for SEN and should be in all school staff rooms.
- Tammiet, D. (2007) **Born on a Blue Day: A Memoir of Asperger's and an Extraordinary Mind**. London, Hodder. A fascinating personal recollection of Asperger Syndrome, extremely well written.
- Welton, J. (2004) **Can I Tell You about Asperger Syndrome?** London, Jessica Kingsley. An extremely useful pocket guide to Asperger Syndrome written in a coffee table style. Full of great quotes.
- Wing, L. (1996) **The Autistic Spectrum: New Updated Edition**. London, Constable and Robinson. This text is from the originator of the Triad of Impairments and is another excellent introduction to Autism.
- Worth, S. (2005) **The SEN Series: Autistic Spectrum Disorders**. London, Continuum. A user friendly guide to Autism. This would suit somebody wanting to read up on Autism briefly.



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WEB BASED RESOURCES:

- <http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/>
DfES (2005) Standards rise for Primary Schools in Challenging Circumstances. 2005)
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DfES (2005) Standards rise for Primary Schools in Challenging Circumstances. 2005)
The DfES website has a range of excellent documents, these two are particularly good.
- <http://www.nas.org.uk/>
National Autistic Society (NAS)
A wealth of absolutely excellent texts and resources. If you need anything look here first.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
Topmarks Education (2006) Topmarks for Excellence in Education (Web based resources).
A highly recommended website for ICT and Interactive Whiteboards

