

Referrals & eligibility

Who can be referred

To receive CASS support, the family of the young person must be a **resident of Caerphilly County Borough (CCBC)**. We will provide school support for someone educated in a CCBC school but living outside the authority.

All children and young people referred to us must be recognised and known to the borough to have a **medical diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**.

We accept referrals for:

- Advice within the education setting
- Understanding behaviours of concern
- Transition advice and support
- Developing appropriate routines
- Implementing strategies
- Signposting and general advice

Who can make a referral

Referrals can be made by Schools, Children Services, Social Services, Health Professionals, or other professionals working with families.

Contact CASS for further information or for a referral form.

Your personal information

All personal information is processed in accordance with General Data Protection Regulations. Please visit our website to read our full Privacy Notice.

About our service

The **Caerphilly Autistic Spectrum Service (CASS)** is part of the Resource Centre at Trinity Fields School.

We support children and young people up to the age of 18 who have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

We also provide support and advice to:

- Parents, carers, and family members
- Teachers
- Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinators (ALNCo)
- Learning Support Staff
- Other professionals working with children and young people

Contact us

Here is how you can get in touch if you have any questions or would like more information:



Scan this QR code with your smartphone or tablet to visit our website



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Caerphilly Autistic Spectrum Service



The support we offer

School support

We can support schools to meet the needs of Autistic learners. This support may include:

- modelling good practice
- Advice
- preparing or loaning of resources
- staff training

CASS is not involved in the allocation of additional support hours or school placement.

Home support

In the first instance, we recommend that families attend one of our training programmes. If support is still required after the training, families can then be referred to the service for a short, targeted period of support.

Support can include:

- advice
- signposting strategies
- sharing of resources
- referral to other appropriate services

CASS does not offer any type of respite care.

Scan this QR code to register your interest in our training courses.



Training programmes

These are the training and support programmes that we run for parents, carers and families of young people:

- **NAS Early Bird** - A 6-week course for parents/carers with a child aged 0-6 years who has received an ASD diagnosis.
- **NAS Early Bird Plus** - A 6-week course for parents/carers with a child aged 5-10 years who has received an ASD diagnosis. If the child is in school, a member of school staff can also attend the training.
- **NAS Teen Life** - A 6 session programme for parents/carers of young people aged 10-16 years. The aim of the programme is to bring parents together to share information, experiences, and ideas in a structured way.
- **Barnardo's Cygnet Autism Support Programme** - A 6-week Autism programme for families/carers of children with an ASD diagnosis. The aim is to increase parents understanding of Autism and give them practical strategies they can use with their child.



We also run the following course for children and young people with ASD:

- **Understanding Me** - A group intervention for Autistic young people that explores what autism means to them. Usually suitable for children aged 11 and over. It is run in secondary schools.

For schools and other professionals

We offer training packages as part of whole school training or for smaller groups.

Our training includes:

- An Introduction to Autism
- General classroom strategies and approaches
- Autism and masking – an internal presentation
- Autism and Girls
- Understanding and supporting behaviours of concern
- Understanding and meeting Sensory Needs

We can also develop and deliver bespoke training to meet the needs of your individual setting or staff.

Please contact CASS for further information.



Neurodivergence Wales

We recommend that all schools and service settings complete the **Learning about Autism** programme from Neurodivergence Wales.

Resources and information for each age group can be found on their website:



<https://neurodivergencewales.org>

Schools and families can also access this website for information, resources, training workshops and more.