



Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment

Child & Adolescent

A diagnostic assessment for Autism Spectrum Disorder looks closely at your child's social communication and interaction, alongside their patterns of behaviour and interests, developmental history, and everyday functioning. It gives you a clear, evidence-based understanding of your child's needs and, where the criteria are met, a formal diagnosis to guide support at home, at school, and in the community.

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

- 1 Clinical Interview**
1 hour · parents attend
- 2 ADOS-2 Assessment**
2 hours · child attends, parent onsite
- 3 ADI-R Interview**
2 hours · parents attend
- 4 Feedback Session**
1 hour for a summary report, 2 hours for a comprehensive report

ASSESSMENT INCLUSIONS

What every assessment includes:

- Clinical interview
- Full assessment administration
- All test equipment and materials
- Rating scales (parent, teacher and self-report as appropriate)
- A feedback session with the clinical psychologist
- A comprehensive assessment report
- One digital copy of the completed report

REPORT OPTIONS

Summary Report: a concise overview of the findings and diagnostic outcome.

Comprehensive Report: a detailed report with full findings, formulation and recommendations.

ASSESSMENT FEE

Fees are confirmed in writing before the assessment begins. Please contact our office for further details.

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WHO IT IS FOR

This assessment suits children and adolescents where there are concerns about social communication, interaction, or restricted and repetitive behaviours and interests, and a diagnosis has not yet been established. It provides clarity about whether these are consistent with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

TAILORED TO YOUR CHILD

Every assessment is tailored to your child, their age, and the concerns raised at referral. The clinical psychologist selects the measures and observations most relevant to your child, and the process is designed to be comfortable and child-friendly.

WHAT WE ASSESS

The assessment is guided by DSM-5-TR criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder and considers:

- Social communication and interaction
- Restricted and repetitive behaviours and interests
- Sensory responses
- Early developmental history
- Adaptive and everyday functioning
- Emotional and behavioural wellbeing

Assessment Measures

Autism Spectrum Disorder varies in its presentation and severity. The battery is tailored to each child and confirmed at the clinical interview. Depending on presentation and referral question, it may draw on the following.

Conners Comprehensive Behaviour Rating Scale (Conners CBRS)

A broad rating scale completed by parents, teachers and, where appropriate, the young person. It gives a complete overview of child and adolescent behavioural, emotional and social concerns. Parent and teacher forms cover ages 6 to 18, and self-report forms cover ages 8 to 18.

Autism Spectrum Rating Scale (ASRS)

A standardised, multidimensional questionnaire completed by parents and teachers for children and youth aged 2 to 18 years. Used alongside other information, it helps quantify observations associated with Autism Spectrum Disorder and identify areas to explore further.

Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, 2nd Edition (ADOS-2)

A semi-structured, standardised assessment made up of play-based and interactive activities. It provides direct observation of communication, reciprocal social interaction, and restricted and repetitive behaviours across ages, developmental levels and language skills.

Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R)

A standardised, semi-structured interview conducted with parents or carers by a trained clinician. It gathers a detailed developmental and behavioural history to support diagnosis and to distinguish autism from other developmental difficulties.

Adaptive Behaviour Assessment System, 3rd Edition (ABAS-3)

A standardised rating scale that assesses the practical skills needed for daily living across conceptual, social and practical domains, helping to identify your child's everyday strengths and areas of need.

THE REPORT

A comprehensive report outlining the assessment findings, the diagnostic outcome, and practical recommendations to support your child at home, at school and in the community.

FEEDBACK SESSION

A dedicated feedback session with the clinical psychologist to walk through the findings, answer your questions, and discuss recommendations in detail.

WHY CHOOSE US

- Experienced clinical psychologist
- Rigorous, evidence-based assessment
- Tailored to your child's needs
- Respectful, child-friendly approach

NEXT STEP

If you have concerns about your child's development, please phone or email our office to discuss your needs and booking options.