









What Is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex developmental condition that involves persistent challenges in social interaction, speech and nonverbal communication, and restricted/repetitive behaviors. The effects of ASD and the severity of symptoms are different in each person.

(American Psychiatric Association)



Characteristics of autism spectrum disorder

High functioning autism - Social interaction and communication problems:

- difficulties in normal back-and-forth conversation,
- reduced sharing of interests or emotions,
- having significant need for a predictable routine or structure
- · challenges in understanding or responding to social cues
- deficits in developing/maintaining/understanding relationships (trouble making friends)





Characteristics of autism spectrum disorder

Severe autism disorder - (all the previous +) restricted and repetitive patterns of behaviors, interests or activities:

- hand-flapping and toe-walking, (stereotyped behavior)
- playing with toys in an uncommon way (such as lining up cars or flipping objects)
- speaking in a unique way (such as using odd patterns or pitches in speaking)
- having absolute need for a predictable routine or structure
- exhibiting intense interests in activities that are uncommon for a similarly aged child
- experiencing the <u>sensory aspects</u> of the world in an unusual or <u>extreme</u> way (such as indifference to pain/temperature, excessive smelling/touching of objects, fascination with lights and movement, being overwhelmed with loud noises, etc)



What Makes Autistic Kids Vulnerable to Bullying?

- + Inable to communicate certain thoughts and feelings
- + Show limited control over what is happening around them and situations
- + Have feelings of inadequacy and poor self-esteem
- Difficulty understanding facial expressions, tone of voice and body language of others

+ Socially cut off from their peers

- + Labeled as "inadequate" by their peers or teachers
- + Appear depressed or self-destructive





To tell us if you are bullied, you have to

- + Recognise you suffered of bullying (firstly to understand the situation and the type of relationships with others)
- Way to explain, describe and tell your friends, teachers, relatives what happened



Against Bubble: value

To develop an integrated action toward all resources involved in education ecosystem:

- Pupils (classmates)
- Teachers

- SEN teachers
- Administrative, Technical and Auxiliary Staff (ATA Staff)

Parents





