

Autism - Asperger's Checklist

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Asperger's syndrome is a neurological disorder and one of the autism spectrum disorders. There is no precise checklist of behaviours and some children display some or all of typical symptoms and a professional will make a specific diagnosis. There are many behaviours that may indicate and lead to a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome.

10 basic signs of Asperger's

1. Has a fixation on a single activity
 Can play for hours on a single interest, toys, blue cars, books
2. Speaks like a 'Little Professor'
 Can talk excitedly about one topic, prefer to talk to adults and use formal language
3. Has difficulty reading social cues
 Cannot read body language, wait their turn, does not accept other's point of view
4. Needs routines and structure
 Likes doing things at specific times, needs warnings about a change in routine
5. Can have tantrums and social meltdowns
 Particularly when routines are broken or feeling overwhelmed
6. Lacks empathy with others and can say inappropriate things
 Has no idea how someone else is feeling or their needs
7. Takes speech literally, cannot recognise sarcasm or jokes
 Takes no speech clues, tones or pitch. Has no idea if someone is serious or joking
8. Can avoid eye contact with others or stares at others
 Can have unusual facial expressions or postures
9. Has delayed motor development
 Can have poor or delayed skills including pencil control, riding a bike, skipping
10. Has sensory sensitivities
 Can be over stimulated by light, noise, texture, touch

Other information you may think is important.

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