



Specialist Autism Support Service

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Training courses for parents and carers 2026

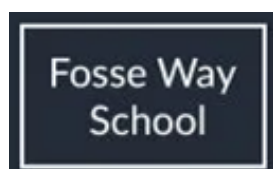
The Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) commissioned by B&NES Local Authority provides training and support to parents and carers of autistic children and young people who live within B&NES.

However, SASS have recently opened up some of our training courses to parents and carers who live outside of B&NES.

The following training courses are now open to parents and carers of young people with a confirmed autism diagnosis who live outside B&NES at a cost of £20 per place.

If you live outside of B&NES and would like to attend any of the courses below, please contact training@thepartnershiptrust.com to book a place.

Date & time	Course & leader	Details	Cost & venue
Wednesday, March 11th 9.30am to 12.30pm	Understanding girls and internal presentations of autism, including masking Led by Beci Burr and Jess Clark	This is a combined course for parents and professionals, which aims to develop an understanding of how to support autistic girls/autistic individuals with a more internalised presentation. This includes exploring how parents and carers can support at home, alongside how school-based professionals can support these individuals within their education settings. It is widely acknowledged that girls and women are often “missed” in terms of diagnosis, so this course will aim to explore and address some misconceptions around autistic females, as well as stereotyped ideas about what autism can look like across all genders, and the impact of masking.	£20 per place Online via Microsoft Teams



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Thursday, March 26th 9.30am to 12.30pm	Teaching social knowledge and supporting friendships Led by Jazz Nash and Jess Clark	This is a combined course for parents and professionals. Autistic children and young people can sometimes find the social aspects of the school day quite challenging. This includes knowing what to do during unstructured times as well as interacting socially throughout the day. This neuro-affirming course will cover the impact of social expectations on autistic young people; how to help develop social knowledge; how to maintain positive relationships and a positive sense of self. With a focus on strategies and resources to support children and young people from KS2 onwards.	£20 per place Fosse Way School, Longfellow Road, Radstock BA3 3AL
Tuesday, March 31st 9.30am to 2.30pm	SPACE Programme	In this introductory course parents and carers are supported to develop their knowledge and understanding of autism and what this means for their family. Communication in Autism Training – this will be led by the speech and language therapy team—to look at differences in autistic children’s communication and techniques we can use to facilitate and develop their communication skills. This course is for parents of children who are in the Early Years, up to and including their Reception year at school.	£20 per place First Steps Nursery, Woodhouse Road, Twerton, Bath BA2 1SY
Thursday, April 23rd 9.30am to 12.30pm	Autism strategies at home (older children) Led by Jazz Nash and Jess Clark	This course is for parents and carers to support them to develop their understanding of how autism strategies can be implemented to support older children and teenagers in their home environment.	£20 per place Online via Microsoft Teams



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Wednesday, June 10th 9.30am to 12.30pm	How to write social scripts Led by Jazz Nash and Jess Clark	This is a combined course for parents and professionals, which aims to develop an understanding of how to write scripted stories for social situations and will provide an opportunity to 'have a go' at writing a social script or situation story within a supportive environment.	£20 per place First Steps Nursery, Woodhouse Road, Twerton, Bath BA2 1SY

