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We are Autism Family Support Workers that are a part of the Autism Support Team within HINT at Northumberland County Council.

The Autism Family Drop in sessions are held across Northumberland and are available to all families / carers of children / young people aged from 3 to 19 years who attend a Northumberland school with or without a diagnosis of autism. The sessions are free and are held over two hours for a chance to meet other parents over a cuppa. There is no agenda but it is an opportunity for parents to gain further advice, insight and support from other parents / carers and the Autism Team members facilitating the drop in, in a safe and confidential space. You may attend any session across Northumberland. These sessions are not for professionals.

FAQ

Do I need to book?

No, just turn up on the day.

Do I need to stay for the two hours?

No, you can drop in at any time that is convenient for you.

Can I bring my child with me?

We normally advise parents/carers not to bring their children if they can, as this allows you to speak freely. However, if childcare is preventing you from attending then please bring them along. Please be aware that other parents may want to discuss sensitive topics.

What happens if I can't attend?

We try and alternate days and times of the drop ins at each location so hopefully the next session will be more convenient for you. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer advice via email or telephone due to our capacity. However, please bring any questions or queries along to the drop in session. We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any questions, please contact: hint@northumberland.gov.uk