

## 10 practical adjustments that support autistic students

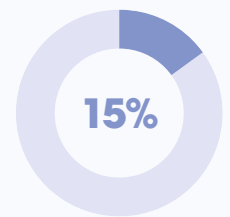
### Infosheet 9 for educators **Working with other students**

**When a student and their parents are comfortable with others being informed of the diagnosis and an agreement is made to inform and educate other students, autism should be presented as a different way of thinking and experiencing the world.**

Educators can include this in teaching children about difference and inclusion.

#### **Education of how best to support an autistic student would include:**

- Building an atmosphere of acceptance, and supporting and modelling it to the class.
- Using identity-first terminology and avoid stigmatising language.
- Using strength-based explanations that explain everyone has strengths to be valued and weaknesses to be supported
- Explaining to the other students different ways they can help a fellow student with autism, using specific examples which carefully consider the individual needs of the student being supported.



**15%**  
of autistic students  
surveyed have had this  
adjustment implemented  
at their school\*

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\*Source: 'Community Attitudes & Behaviours towards Autism; and Experience of Autistic People and their Families':  
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