

# Jeni Mein

Autism Practitioner

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## My Job...

**The Autism Support Team have a remit to support children & young people in schools, further education provision, and local authority pre-school settings.**

**The Autism support team provides child centred strategies and support for young people, families and staff within educational settings and aims to offer support at the earliest opportunity.**

The Autism Team **would not** be involved in the following activities:

- Undertaking complex developmental assessments including Autism diagnosis
- Assessment of specific learning barriers

## What I might do in school...

- observations, consultations and advice
- offer practical strategies for supporting individuals with autism and social communication difficulties
- direct interventions with children both individually and in groups
- Individual and small group work for social communication and interaction skills
  - emotional regulation and self-esteem
- demonstrate TEACCH approaches in the classroom and support and model the use of PECS, Social Stories, Comic Strip conversations and Lego based therapy
  - provide input into EHCP processes
    - offer transition support
  - provide training for developing skills for working with children with autism and social communication difficulties

## My Areas of Interest...

Supporting children, parents and settings with child-centred strategies.

Lego-based Therapy to support social skills.

## What is important to me...

My friends and family.

Doing the best job possible to support children, families and settings.

## About me:

I have worked in this team for almost 9 years, but previously as a Teaching Assistant within a mainstream primary school, an autism Specialist Resource Base and a Specialist provision over a period of 20 years.

I enjoy movies, crafting and walks on the beach.

