

References and sources

We Need An Education campaign	Reference	Source or external link
Formal exclusions of children with autism in England have risen by 60% in five years.	Ambitious about Autism - Excluded from school report June 2018	https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/def ault/files/AAA%20We%20Need%20An%20Educati on%20FINAL%20SINGLES.pdf
38% of parents have been waiting over 18 months for an assessment for an Education, Health and Care plan.	Ambitious about Autism survey of parents and young people with autism summer 2018	How long did it take following your child's autism diagnosis for them to receive an Education, Health and Care plan?0-6 months9810.9%6-12 months11913.2%12-18 months10912.1%18+ months19621.8%Does not require an EHC plan10912.1%Still awaiting an EHC plan24927.6%
Fewer than 1 in 4 young people with autism access education beyond school	Ambitious about Autism -Employ Autism Campaign findings	https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/def ault/files/Employ%20Autism%20campaign%20sum mary%20digital.pdf
Nearly 120,000 pupils with special educational needs have autism – and this number is growing	Department for Education statistics, Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and Data collection	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistic s-special-educational-needs-sen
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87% of parents said the stress of getting their child the right support at school caused them to lose sleep.	Ambitious about Autism survey of parents and young people with autism summer 2018	Did you experience stress / lose sleep securing the right placement for your child? Yes 785 87.1% No 100 11.1%
85% of parents of children with autism say a medical diagnosis of autism should automatically trigger an assessment for an Education, Health and Care plan	Ambitious about Autism survey of parents and young people with autism summer 2018	Do you think a diagnosis of autism should automatically trigger an EHC plan assessment? Yes 767 85.1% No 131 14.5%
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Over half of the families we surveyed said their child had been unlawfully sent home from school, or denied an education.	Ambitious about Autism survey of parents and young people with autism summer 2018	Has your child ever been sent home early, worked on a reduced timetable or asked not to come on a school trip without you receiving official letter from the school? Yes 507 56.3% No 385 42.7%
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Fewer than 1 in 4 young people with autism access education or training beyond school	Ambitious about Autism -Employ Autism Campaign findings	https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/def ault/files/Employ%20Autism%20campaign%20sum mary%20digital.pdf
Only 19% of young people with autism say they have had good careers advice.	Ambitious about Autism -Employ Autism Campaign findings	https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/def ault/files/Employ%20Autism%20campaign%20sum mary%20digital.pdf