

"Think Safe, Stay Safe"



A five week course for autistic children and young people aged 14 to 25 years to explore some of the pitfalls involved in friendships and relationships, both face to face and online

The social world can be difficult and unsafe to navigate without the right understanding and knowledge. For autistic young people, often the finer aspects of the social world are not fully or appropriately explored so they are placed in a vulnerable position.

This 5-week course will be delivered by Mark Brown from Special Help 4 Special Needs. Mark has worked with people with special needs for over 30 years and in his role as Special Needs Advisor, has worked with a range of individuals with various special needs, including children and adolescents who have been diagnosed with Autism/Aspergers Syndrome

Please see attached course information sheet for further details and frequently asked questions

Thursday 2nd May, 16th May, 23rd May, 6th June and 13th June 2019
PARTICIPANTS NEED TO ATTEND ALL SESSIONS AS THEY ARE LINKED TOGETHER

Time: **6:30pm – 8:30pm**
Price: **£50 for 5-week course (members) £70 (non-members)**
Venue: **HACS Resource Centre, Dudley Place, Off Pinkwell Lane, Hayes, UB3 1PB**

For enquiries or to book for your young person please contact
katherine@hacs.org.uk / 0208 606 6780

"Think Safe, Stay Safe"

Course Information Sheet

<p>What will the course cover?</p>	<p>Relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different types of relationships that it is possible to have e.g. family, romantic, professional, etc. • what type of behaviours are acceptable in different relationships, including sexual relationships. • good ways of getting to know someone and how to go about developing and maintaining friendships and relationships. <p>Consent and Legal Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent including what consent means; legal age of consent, verbal and nonverbal consent • The legal aspects will be explored in relation to the law and consequences, including prison. <p>Public/Private</p> <p>These sessions will look at this topic from the point of view of a person's body as well as the environment.</p> <p>Online and Technology Issues</p> <p>The session will utilise "story telling" to explore issues such as the law, coercion and grooming.</p> <p>Summary</p> <p>This final session will enable participants to discuss and clarify any issues that have been discussed as well as any topics that may have arisen during the course.</p>
<p>What does my child need to bring?</p>	<p>A notebook for any thoughts or notes they might like to write down.</p>
<p>Can my child choose which sessions to attend?</p>	<p>Participants need to attend ALL sessions as they are taught in a linked structure</p>
<p>Do I need to attend with my child?</p>	<p>No, parents do not remain at the session.</p>
<p>What are the staffing ratios?</p>	<p>This is a group session of 12 participants with 2 staff to support</p>
<p>Can I get a refund?</p>	<p>The sessions are non-refundable as we have to employ staff and pay the trainer in advance</p>
<p>How do I know this course is suitable for my child?</p>	<p>When you book a session, we will arrange an assessment telephone call with you to understand your child's individual needs</p>

If you have any further enquiries, please contact katherine@hacs.org.uk