

Pupils with autism

Common reasons to consider when observing challenging behavior or high levels of anxiety

- Pain, illness
- Daily routine changes
- Confusion and anxiety with new situations and events
- Unable to understand language – instructions and explanations
- Too high expectations with tasks...fear of failure
- Don't understand social rules for behavior
- Unable to communicate own needs and feelings
- Sensory differences e.g. Avoids; oversensitivity to smells, noise, light, touch. Sensory seeking – sniffing, touching.....
- Specific fears of situations or objects
- Prompt dependent – doesn't start or continue with the task
- Lacks motivation with lessons
- Boredom