



## Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessments

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are a lifelong developmental condition which may affect communication, socialisation, restricted or repetitive behaviours, interests or activities and sensory sensitivities. The diagnosis of ASD requires a comprehensive assessment process and involves gathering information from a range of sources. The aim is to gather insight into a child's areas of strength and weakness – in particular around social interactions, communication skills along with the presentation of any atypical behaviours or interests.

At Cassidy Psychology a full autism assessment for a child or adolescent involves the following:

1. Parent Consultation – 90 minutes
2. Child Assessment – 90 minutes (120 minutes if IQ required)
3. Liaison with teachers and other health professionals as required
4. Report Preparation – 120 minutes
5. Parent Feedback Consultation – 30 minutes

### Please note:

- Additional charges may be required if site visits are required to the home, school or daycare.
- In WA, ASD assessments must be made in consultation with a Developmental Paediatrician or Psychiatrist and a Speech Pathologist if a child is under 13 years. Over 13 years a Speech Pathologist is not required.
- Medicare or private health insurance funds typically do not offer a rebate for psychological assessments.
- In some situations further assessment may be required and this will incur additional costs. This will be done in consultation with you.

Current rate: \$1300 without IQ assessment; \$1500 with IQ assessment (as of October 2017)

