If you would like help or advice, you could contact your EYSENIT C&I Teacher Educational Psychologist Speech & Language Therapist

Children’s rights
We are committed to upholding the rights of all children.

Child protection
We respect the need for confidentiality. The exception to this is when there are concerns about child protection. In these cases, having discussed our concerns with you, we would liaise with social care in accordance with Oxfordshire’s safeguarding children procedures.
Children with Autism respond better to visual information than auditory input. This is especially true when they are stressed. Use of photos or symbols helps children understand what is happening and what will happen next. This helps many children to cooperate and remain calm. For this to work, you will need to keep the pictures near the child, where they can see and touch them. This means you can pick up the picture to remind the child what is happening or what is expected of them.

Some children only understand photos of the actual things they will be doing, others can cope with generic symbols.

Here are some examples of visual schedules from simple to more complex. Some children will find it easier to focus on what is happening now. Others can cope with a sequence and will enjoy removing pictures of finished activities.

' It's dinner time'

First wash hands, then dinner
Or (choose 'first then' or 'now next' and stick to this)
Now wash hands, next dinner

Move each symbol across to the red side when finished (or let child do this).