

## More about PUFFIN Online

The course consists of four 2 hourly sessions over 4 weeks, usually morning or evening sessions and is currently delivered via Microsoft Teams in line with COVID-19 restrictions.

Three themes are covered across the 4 weeks:

- Understanding Autism/ communication and interaction difficulties.
- Developing interaction and communication
- Understanding and managing behaviour.

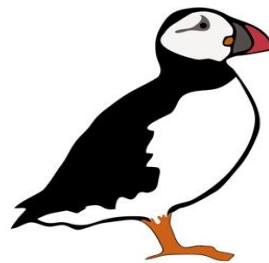
Workshop style sessions encourage sharing of experiences and strategies within a positive supportive environment.

Sessions are run collaboratively by trainers from specialist support services from education and health as well as Autism Family Support. Each course is delivered by 2 professionals with considerable experience of working with children with Autism and communication and interaction difficulties.

## What will the course offer me?

You will:

- Increase your understanding of Autism and related communication and interaction difficulties and the day by day impact this may have on your child.
- Develop a toolkit of general and specific strategies to support your child's behaviour and development.
- Have access to network with other families with children with similar needs.



## Who can participate in a PUFFIN Online course?

Families with children under 5 years who have been given a formal or working diagnosis of Autism by a paediatrician.

Two places are allocated to each family; parents have found it very beneficial when both of them have been able to participate. Alternatively one parent can participate on their own or could nominate a friend/ family member.

In some circumstances it may be possible for a member of staff from your child's setting or their childminder to participate. This can be considered on an individual basis at time of application.

## How do I apply for a place?

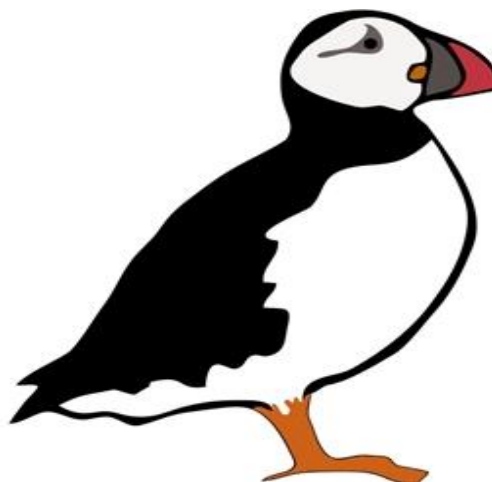
You can self-refer by completing a simple application available from [eyseintadmin@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:eyseintadmin@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or contact us on 01865 816663

People working with you and your child can support you to make an application if you would find this helpful.

### Cost

Each family is asked to contribute £50 towards the cost of running the course. Concessions may be available – speak to us if you wish to know more.

Cost for any setting staff will be available on application.



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