



Autism Community Network



Welcome to our Parent / Carer Support Group

Here are the guidelines

All parents or carers of children with an ASD diagnosis are welcome

You are welcome to arrive when it suits you and leave when you need to

There will never be any fees to attend an ACN support group

Anything discussed of a personal nature in the group must remain confidential.

The ACN observes the Privacy Act

Our interactions are based on mutual respect and courtesy.

We aim to give everybody a fair chance to speak so please help us achieve that

The ACN does not endorse one business or service over another and we ask that you don't promote personal interests without prior permission.

If we are not able to help you with an issue at the group, we will use the network to try and help you further.

**Our facilitators are discouraged from sharing personal contact details,
all correspondence must go through the ACN.**

Mandatory Reporting

Please understand that by law, we are required to report any information suggesting actions of self-harm or harm to others.

Mandatory Reporting includes 'Reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is at risk of significant harm' in accordance with Sections 23 and 27 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (NSW)*.

This therefore includes the following, including:

Physical abuse, Sexual abuse, Emotional/psychological abuse, Neglect, Exposure to domestic violence

see link <https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/mandatory-reporting-child-abuse-and-neglect>

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