

# **ABOUT me**

My child is autistic, so here is some information that might be helpful for you to know. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

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What is autism?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the CDC, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the U.S. today. Autism looks different for everyone, and each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges.

## **Child name:**

Parent name(s) and contact info:

### **COMMUNICATION PREFERENCES**

My child prefers to communicate by:

If they seem overwhelmed or need to take a break:

### **SENSITIVITIES & COMFORT ITEMS**

My child has these sensory sensitivities (e.g., sounds, lights, textures):

Their comfort items (e.g., toys, videos, songs) are:

Their fears are:



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### **FOOD PREFERENCES AND RESTRICTIONS**

My child has these food allergies/dietary restrictions:



Their favorite safe snacks/foods are:

### **DAILY ROUTINE**

My child's usual daily routines (e.g. wake up, bedtime, mealtimes) are:

They have these special bedtime routines to help settle down:

### **SAFETY**

Here are the safety concerns you need to be aware of:

Here are my child's emergency contacts and specific instructions in case of an emergency:

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Additional things you should know:



Thanks for taking the time to read this guide! Your support in creating a fun, safe and welcoming environment for my child means a lot.