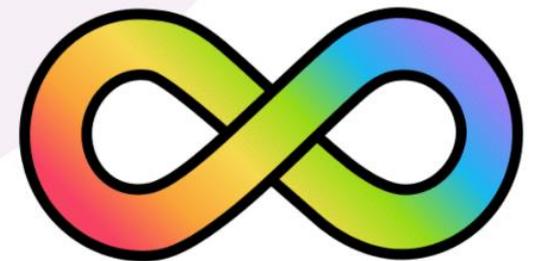
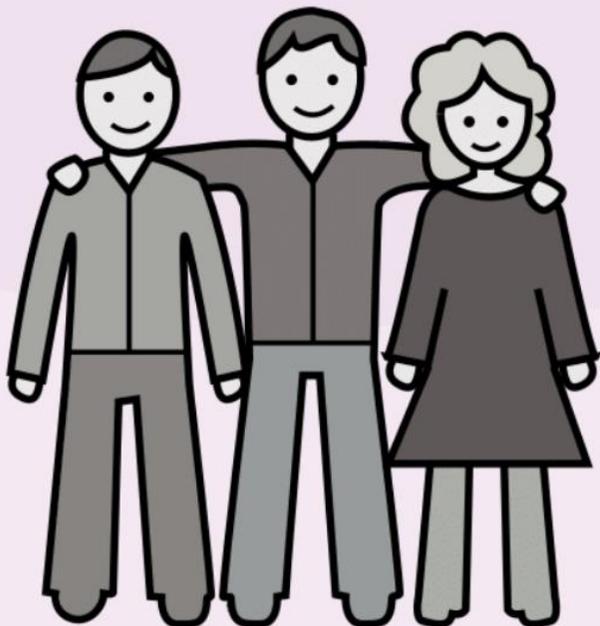
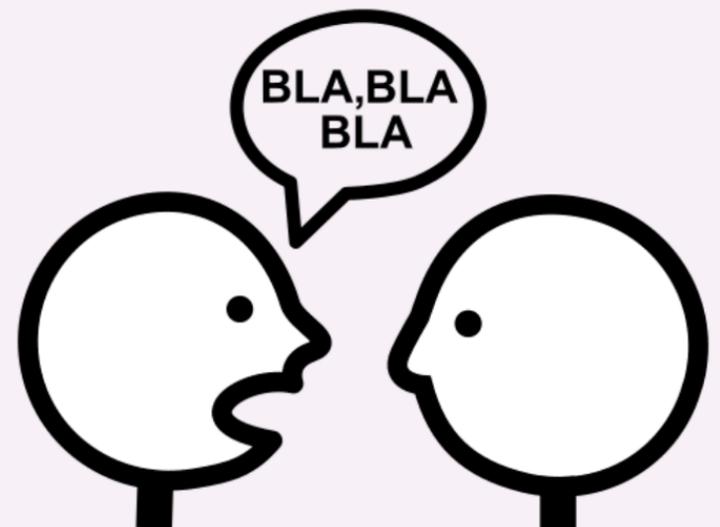


# What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Some insights in relation  
to social skills.

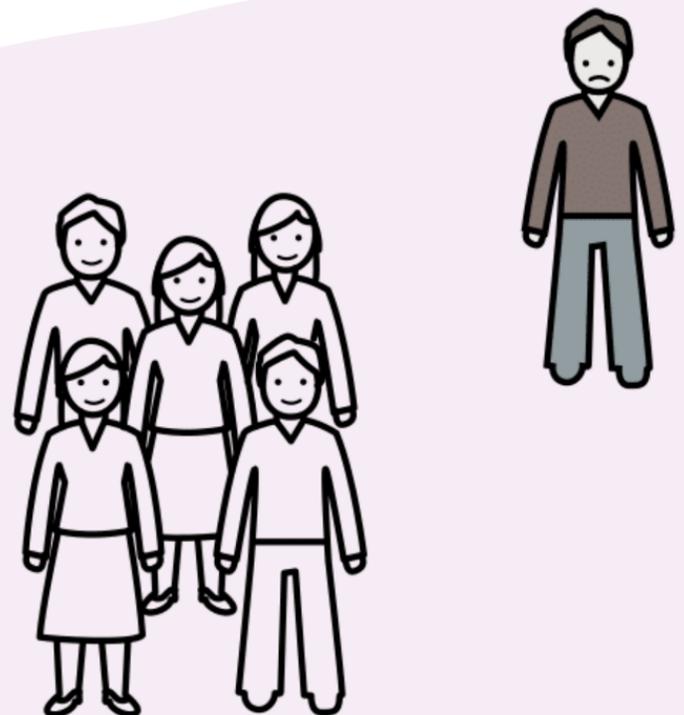


ASD is a neurodevelopmental disorder that includes several characteristics, but one of the most widely recognised and present are the **social difficulties** in social initiation and social-emotional understanding\*. [1-3]



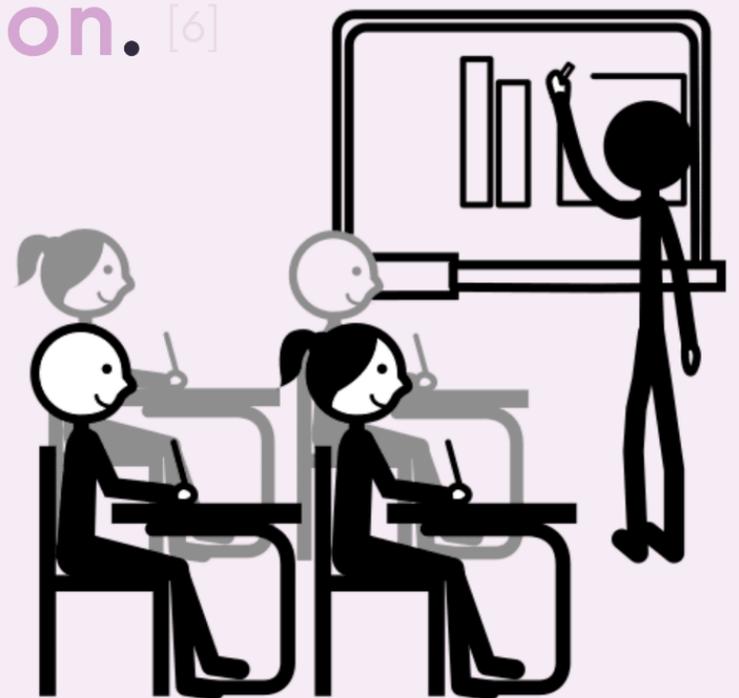
\*Compared to their typically developing peers and with peers with other developmental disorders.

These social skills difficulties - in a system which is structurally not inclusive - are associated with challenges in forming and maintaining **meaningful relationships with peers.** [4-5]

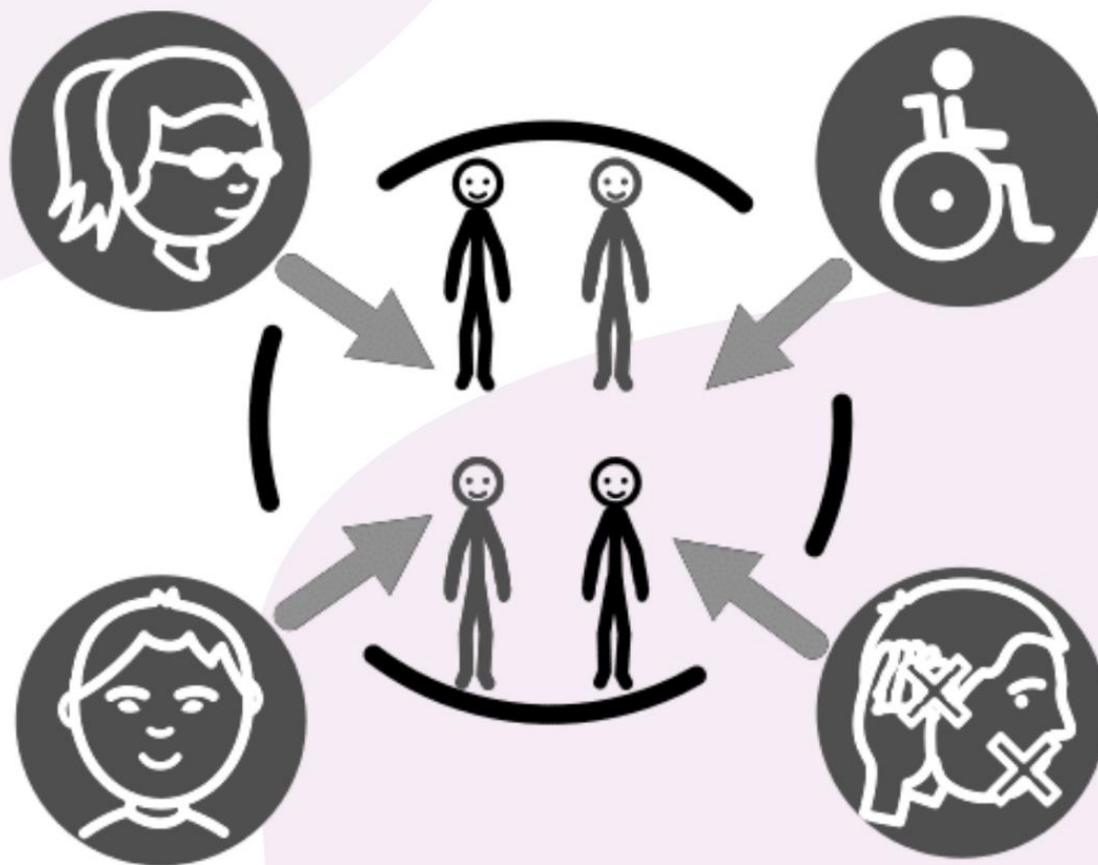


As a result, there has been an effort to include children and adolescents with ASD in educational settings.

However, the mere physical combination of students with ASD with their neurotypical peers does not imply their inclusion. [6]



But, what is an inclusive educational system? It is one that promotes the presence, participation and achievement of all its students. [7]



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