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Autism Acceptance Mascot Design Competition

Teachers Pack

Overview

To celebrate **World Autism Acceptance Month**, we are inviting schools to participate in our **Autism Acceptance Mascot Design Competition**.

This teacher pack provides guidance to support your school and students to take part.

Students can complete their designs inside or outside school, however designs must align with our charity's values:

- Respectful representation/ Inclusion and respect
- Collaboration and Community
- Compassion and purpose
- Growth and Empowerment

Competition Summary

- Pupils to design a mascot that will be the face of our charity appearing on our social, media and website.
- Open to both Primary, Secondary and homeschooled students under 25
- One entry per person however schools are welcome to submit a whole school design
- We need to obtain parent/ guardian consent if child is under 16 years of age (please see the consent form attached).

Design Requirements

- Designs can use any materials such as a canvas or a4 paper
- Designs may be hand-drawn or digital
- Please do not use copyrighted characters
- Mascot's can be a person, animal, mythical or made up design - the more creative the better!

Submission Instructions

Please submit all entries by email or via Facebook:

Facebook: Tag our APS Facebook page @autismpracticalsupport and use the hashtag **#APSMascotCompetition**

Or **Email entries** (with a photo of the design if hand drawn) to **info@autismpracticalsupport.org.uk**.

If you cannot submit electronically, please email us and we can arrange for a time for you to drop it off at our Northwich office.

Each entry must include the following:

- Student name
- Age
- School Name and Teacher Contact Details
- Submit a picture of the design
- Signed Consent form for children under the age of 16

Judging Criteria

Our judging panel will be made up one child member, one adult member of APS and an APS staff member.

We will be looking for:

- Creativity and originality
- Inclusive and positive theming regarding neurodiversity
- A celebration of autism

Timeline

Competition Opens **25.02.2026**

Submission Deadline **20.07.2026**

A launch event of the winning mascot **Date TBC**

Winner

The winner will receive:

- A certificate
- A Prize - A £20 Amazon Voucher
- The opportunity to attend our launch event
- Their winning design will be included on our website and in APS marketing materials/communications!

Optional Classroom Activities

- Discuss autism acceptance and inclusivity as a class whilst completing the designs
- Use our mascot assembly template to share throughout your school



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