Autism Assessment Process

1. Referral
   - Screening questionnaires are sent to parents to get more details of symptoms.

2. Parent education phase
   - Carers are invited to attend the pre-assessment parent education and intervention sessions.

3. Assessment phase
   - Three parts: (1) medical check-up, (2) school & parent questionnaires, then (3) final appointment looking at autism symptoms.
   - Other assessments may be needed: ADOS, 3Di, ADI-R, DISCO, or checks for other disorders.

4. Decision & reporting phase
   - Outcome is discussed with family and report is sent out within 3 weeks of last appointment. Referrals are made to other services if they are needed.
   - Interventions are designed to help with anxiety and temper control.

FAQ

- About 60-70% of children receive a diagnosis of autism. The others may have difficulties but not enough for a diagnosis to be made.

- Educating and advising carers is a more effective intervention for most children.