



Imagining Autism
TOP TIPS TO SETTING UP AN AUTISTIC CAFÉ

1. Use badges for communication preference: see [here](#).
2. Create a chill out/quiet space (details can be provided: soft cushions, games, low lighting, sensory and fidget toys, books).
3. Turn off hand driers and provide paper towels.
4. Talk to catering staff about the importance of catering for special diets (gluten free, vegan, dairy free) with very clear food labelling, being sensitive to colour and flavour combinations. Separate the foods and avoid elaborate sandwich fillings: plain is appreciated!
5. Provide a code of practice for the autistic community café to ensure it is a respectful space. Consult with autistic people and include them in your planning team.