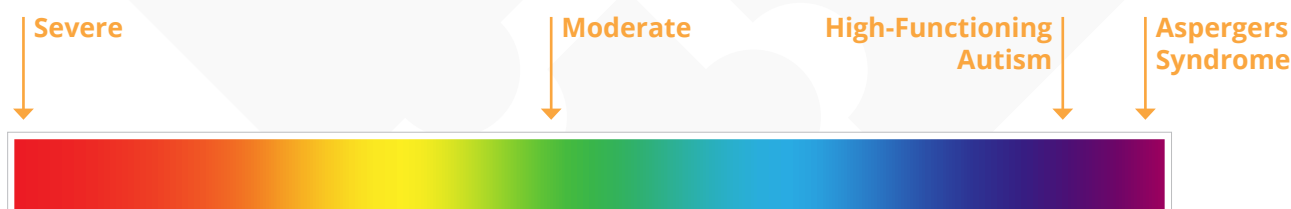


RECAP MODULE 1

The Autism Spectrum

What have we learned so far:

1. People with autism have difficulties in the areas of **social interaction, communication** and have **restricted interests and repetitive behaviours**.
2. These three characteristics or traits of autism are called the ***Triad of Impairments***.
3. We have learned that these characteristics of autism can vary in their severity and that **no two people with autism are exactly the same**. They can also display challenging behaviours at times.
4. Autism presents each individual with their own challenges.
5. The **autistic or autism spectrum** measures the severity of these challenges and categorises the individual based on those challenges, abilities and needs.



6. We have learned that the spectrum runs from a categorisation of **low functioning autism (classic autism) to moderate autism and then High Functioning Autism and Asperger Syndrome** at the higher functioning end.
7. We also know that being **“on the spectrum”** means that you have autism.
8. We know that an **ASD** is an **Autism Spectrum Disorder**. This simply means that the child or person has been diagnosed with a condition on the autism spectrum.