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Site Name	Link	Comments
TEACCH		The TEACCH programme for children with Autism originated in North Carolina. It has become recognised in Ireland as a successful teaching approach in the field of ASD. This site outlines the structured approach in detail. Very useful for teachers.
Autism and ABA Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies		The Cambridge Center behavior.org web site includes many sections on behavioral solutions to human challenges as well as a number of on-line journals. It provides a good introduction and overview of the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) approach to autism treatment.
Functional Behavioural Assessment		Functional behavioral assessment is generally considered to be a problem-solving process for addressing student problem behavior. It relies on a variety of techniques and strategies to identify the purposes of specific behavior and to help IEP teams select interventions to directly address the problem behavior.
Lámh		Lámh is a manual sign system designed for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and communication needs in Ireland.
Social Stories The Gray Center		A social story is a short story written in a specific style and format. The story describes what happens in a specific social situation. It describes what is obvious to most of us, but not obvious to those with impaired social understanding. It describes what people do, why they do it and what the common responses are. General information on social stories can be accessed here.
PECS Pyramid Educational Consultants		Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS). In this system, pupils are taught to communicate a need by exchanging an image, thus helping to enhance the pupil's communication abilities and understanding of the function of communication. The method also encourages the pupil to initiate spontaneous communication. It was designed for young and preverbal children and follows eight defined stages. Information on PECS can be accessed here.
Polyxo		Contains printable documents, such as data sheets and planning matrices for teachers.

- Intensive Interaction**  This is an approach to teaching the pre-speech fundamentals of communication, in this instance to pupils with autism who are still at an early stage of communication development.
- Floortime**  Floortime is a form of therapeutic play and involves working with pupils at their current developmental level and inducing them to interact and engage with others. This often requires the parent or professional to get down on the floor with the pupil - hence the term "Floortime."

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ASPIRE	 ASPIRE is the Asperger Syndrome Association of Ireland and this is a particularly good site. A list of upcoming events is updated regularly. Their Events page is worth checking to see what's coming up.
Irish Society for Autism	 This is a good starting point for finding out about Autism, with facts, symptoms and a list of schools providing services for children with Autism.
Irish Autism Action	 Irish Autism Action is an organisation of parents for parents. Irish Autism Action (IAA) exists to campaign at a national level for the rights and entitlements of people with Autism.
Parents and Professionals & Autism	 PAPA is the Northern Ireland charity for Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. It has a detailed list of resources for sale, and many links to other Autism sites.
Autism Resources	 Autism Resources contains information and links regarding the developmental disabilities autism and Asperger's Syndrome.
The National Autistic Society	 This website includes information about autism and Asperger syndrome, the National Autistic Society (UK) and its services and activities.
Tony Attwood	 Tony Attwood is a recognised expert in the field of Asperger's Syndrome. His videos and books are available to buy online, or you can access his 'Workshop Notes'.
ASPEN	 ASPEN provides families and individuals whose lives are affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders (Asperger Syndrome, Pervasive Developmental Disorder-NOS, High Functioning Autism), and Nonverbal Learning Disabilities with education, support and advocacy.
MAAP	 MAAP Services for Autism and Asperger Syndrome is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information and advice to families of more advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger syndrome, and Pervasive developmental disorder (PDD).
Autism Independent	 Autism Independent UK (SFTAH) - this site offers non-medical advice and information. It has a discussion forum and membership is free.
Autism Online	 A parent-designed website on autism, with Picture Exchange (PECS) products featured.
JaynaGirl	 This large website is designed by a parent of a girl who has Autism, AD/HD and Tourette's Syndrome. It features information on all of these categories, but it is also one of the better sites for information on PDD-NOS.

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