

ASTON

ADVANCED SCREENING TOOL FOR OBSERVABLE NEURODIVERGENCE
A BRIEF FOR CLINICIANS AND SCHOOLS

Gets the clinic ready. Does not replace the clinician.

ASTON is a clinician-controlled screening platform for children and young people aged 4 to 17. A parent or carer, a teacher, and - from age 12 - the young person each describe what they observe. Those observations come together for one qualified professional to review.

This brief is written to be shared. It does not include questionnaire items, scoring rules, or other product internals.

Screening only. Not a diagnosis.

ASTON does not diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any condition. It does not replace a developmental, medical, psychological or educational assessment. Clinical decisions stay with the registered practitioner. Educational and support decisions stay with the school and family.

01 CLINICIANS

Run the screening

Medical practitioners, psychologists and other listed professions. Practice managers can list a clinic so schools can send a request.

02 SCHOOLS

Observe and request

Teachers register the school, complete a form, or start a parent-consented request. Parents use a link. They do not create an account.

ASTON IS NOT

It does not label the child.

It does not replace the clinician.

It does not turn a screen into a diagnosis, placement or funding decision.

It is not a self-test, a child login, or an emergency tool.

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HOW IT WORKS

A clinic can start. A school can start.

Parents consent before anything moves to a clinic they have not already chosen. Schools see pathway status only - never answers, scores or the report.

CLINIC PATH

01

Create a case

The clinician enters the child's details and how the parent and teacher should be invited. If Cliniko is connected, they can start from the patient file. Consent stays the clinician's responsibility.

02

ASTON emails the forms

The parent gets a unique link. The teacher may be emailed or receive a link via the parent. From age 12, a youth form can be included. No SMS. Children do not get an account.

03

Each person answers alone

Parent, teacher and youth complete their own questionnaire, in their own time. Links last 30 days or until that form is submitted.

04

One summary for the clinician

Interpretation, next steps and any diagnosis sit outside ASTON. If Cliniko is connected, the summary PDF can be filed on that patient.

SCHOOL PATH

01

Register the school

School staff use a school account and a school dashboard - not a clinician login.

02

Suggest a screening

They send a request. A case is not created yet.

03

A parent must consent

The parent opens a consent link, agrees, and chooses a clinic from the listed network. Nothing moves until that happens.

04

The clinic accepts

That uses one clinic credit and creates the case. ASTON then emails the forms as usual. The school sees status only.

WHAT FAMILIES SEE

A form, not a dashboard

Parents, teachers and young people open a consent page or a form. They do not see other children. Emails may include the child's first name so the right form is completed. They do not include scores.

Youth forms go via the parent

From age 12, a youth form can be included. It is usually sent to the parent to open or forward. We do not text young people. Links expire after 30 days or on submit.

You stay responsible.

Use ASTON only within your scope, competence and the rules that apply to you - including your National Board code, privacy and health-records law, and child-safety duties. ASTON does not take those duties on.

You are the controller

You decide who is invited, how long the case is kept, and when it is archived or deleted. ASTON is the processor. We store the case so forms can be completed and a summary produced.

Do not use the summary on its own

It is not the sole basis for a diagnosis, referral refusal, school placement, funding or support eligibility. Protect the report. Share it only with people who should see it.

Keep your details current

Youth forms are only for ages 12 and over. If a recorded registration expiry lapses, existing cases stay open; you cannot start or accept new ones until you update the date. Optional Cliniko connection is your Cliniko account under Cliniko's terms.

You describe what you see.

That observation is valuable. It is not a diagnosis, and it is not a request that the school interpret scores.

One school account

Register the school once. If a clinic already sent you a form link, open that link. You do not need to register first.

Status, not results

Wait for parent consent and clinic acceptance. You will see where the request is - not answers, scores or the report. Do not forward a form link beyond the person who should complete it.

Safety stays with the school

Mandatory reporting and student-safety duties stay with the school. ASTON does not report to child-protection agencies.

The clinician invites

They are responsible for consent and for inviting only people they are entitled to invite. People who open a form are not creating an ASTON account.

The parent chooses

A parent or carer must consent and choose the clinic before a case is created. The school does not choose the clinic for them.

PRIVACY

Children's screening information is health information.

It is sensitive information under the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles. Full policy: [astonax.com/privacy](https://www.astonax.com/privacy).

No child login

Children do not create accounts. We do not market to children, use their information for advertising, or sell, rent or trade personal information.

Who can see what

The owning clinician sees the case and the report. Invited clinic colleagues see that clinic's cases. School staff see status only. Parents, teachers and youth see only the form they were sent.

Access and requests

ASTON staff access a case only if the clinician asks us to, or the law requires it. That access is logged. We do not change or delete a child's record on a parent request alone. We pass it to the controlling clinician.

Processors, location and secondary use

Hosting, database, email and, if you pay, Stripe. Cliniko only if the clinician connects their own account. Some processors operate outside Australia. We do not claim every copy stays only in Australia. ASTON does not send SMS. Login codes expire in 10 minutes. Identifiable case data is not used for research or product improvement unless the clinician records consent on that case. Cases are kept by default. Archive hides a case; it does not delete it. Retention is the clinician's records duty.

PROFESSIONAL AND REGULATORY POSITION

AHPRA

ASTON is a tool for people authorised to conduct developmental screening. Practitioners remain responsible for advertising, records, consent, confidentiality and practising within their scope. ASTON does not hold an AHPRA registration and does not practise on a practitioner's behalf. This brief makes no therapeutic claims, testimonials, or guaranteed outcomes.

TGA

ASTON is not advertised as a device that diagnoses, treats, cures or prevents a disease or disorder. It is not listed on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods as a diagnostic or treatment device. Do not describe it as "the ADHD test", "an autism diagnosis", or a replacement for specialist assessment.

Safeguarding

ASTON is not an acute-risk, crisis or emergency tool. Mandatory reporting and immediate safety decisions remain with the clinician and, where relevant, the school.

GETTING STARTED

Website

<https://www.astonax.com>

Add a clinic

<https://www.astonax.com/clinic/signup>

Sign in

<https://www.astonax.com/login>

Terms

<https://www.astonax.com/terms>

Clinician account

<https://www.astonax.com/signup>

Register a school

<https://www.astonax.com/school/signup>

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