

Title: Comparing parent and teacher ratings on the Behavioural Flexibility Rating Scale	
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Outline of Research	This study aims to assess the inter-rater reliability of a newly developed Behavioural Flexibility Rating Scale (BFRS). It aims to assess whether parents and teachers can similarly rate a preschool-aged child (0-6 years) on their degree of behavioural flexibility across a number of everyday situations. A secondary aim of this study is to investigate how preschool-aged children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder differ from typically developing children in terms of their behavioural flexibility. Participation in this research requires a parent and teacher to complete a short 16-item multiple choice questionnaire (the BFRS) rating their child's behaviour. It is hoped that these findings will enable parents and teachers to more easily monitor the effectiveness of interventions. It is also hoped that these findings will enhance our understanding of the nature of behavioural flexibility in preschool-aged children.
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