

Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn Term DSPL Newsletter!

Dacorum Delivering Special Provision Locally (DSPL) is set up to support children and young people aged 0-25, with special educational needs and disabilities, in mainstream education. We also run training and events for parents, carers and educational professionals.

DSPL Staff update

Project Manager

Patricia Wheway, DSPL Project Manager left her post as Project Manager for DSPL, at the Autumn half term. We would like to thank Patricia for all her hard work, especially with producing the Mental Health Guidance for Schools and updating the DSPL website with new information and resources. We wish Patricia all the best with her future. The hours for this post will be distributed across the DSPL team.

SEND School Family Worker's

Cathy Agnihotri is leaving her post as SEND School Family Worker for Dacorum Family Services at the end of the Autumn term. We would like to thank Cathy for all her hard work and support to Dacorum Families over the years. We wish her all the success in her new venture.

We welcome Jo Sanford, SEND School Family Worker for Kings Langley Partnership and Gade Schools Family Support:

"I have spent many many years working within Schools and Nursery settings, Social work Teams, Family/Childrens Centres and now I have the opportunity to combine all of my skills into one role. You will often hear me refer back to Pinterest and I love learning new smart ways to help our families. I'm very excited to start in my new role and look forward to meeting many of you at clinics and coffee mornings over the coming months."



DSPL Communications and new DSPL email address

From January 2020 DSPL will be sending communications relating to training, courses, events and support information from the following email address - dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

Please make sure you save this email address to avoid these emails going into your junk folders.



REQUEST INFORMATION

DSPL would like to keep you updated with SEND training, courses, information and support, please let us know if you have any new SENCo's, Autism Leads, Mental Health Leads and Deputy's. Please email the name, job title and email address of your new staff member to dspl@kls.hert.sch.uk

DSPL8 conference feedback

The DSPL8 conference on 23rd October 2019 was very well attended with 36 Parent/Carers and 38 professionals.

All feedback received was positive; please see some of the comments below. Thank you to everyone who attended.

"It was an enlightening day and Kathy is an excellent speaker. I was gratified as a parent that there are so many professionals in Dacorum so passionate about the education and future of our children."

"We are lucky to have Mrs Stace as the headmistress of our daughter's school."

"I really enjoyed the DSPL8 Conference and learned a lot! It seemed to be very well received by everyone so well done!"

"The conference reminded me why I do this work – thank you"

"Can my team borrow the film" x 5



Autism local services leaflet

The attached local services leaflet is designed to highlight local services and national services where appropriate which can be accessed by families and professionals in Dacorum. We will update this termly and welcome any additions you may wish to suggest. It is meant to be an easy access document covering all the key areas families may need support with when they have a child with autism. Please feel free to circulate to relevant support staff and parents. The leaflet is also available on the DSPL website via: <http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/autistic-spectrum-disorder/>

Downs Syndrome

Do you have a child or young person with Down Syndrome in your setting ? We are undertaking an audit in order to plan future services - we need to know the name of your setting and year group of the child or young person. We want to include our local specialist school in this audit. Please email dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk with Name of Setting and Year group of child/ren - even if you think we know !

Dacorum Behaviour and Mental Health Guidance Documents

Dacorum DSPL's Mental Health sub group has recently launch Mental Health information support leaflets including the Dacorum guidance to supporting Mental Health and the Dacorum Behaviour and Mental Health Guidance, these have been emailed to all Dacorum Schools and is available for downloading from the DSPL website via the following link: <http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/social-emotional-and-mental-health/>

Hertfordshire Steps funding for Early Years, Primary and Secondary

Hertfordshire Steps is Hertfordshire County Council's preferred approach to behaviour management in schools.

DSPL8 funding is available for Hertfordshire Steps training. If you have not claimed your funding, please email Ashley Fabray, fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk for more information.

For more information on Hertfordshire Steps training dates please email: steps@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Woodfield Outreach Training Overview

Spring 2020



Please note

These training sessions will have a Primary focus, therefore Primary Schools will be prioritised when booking.
Except for 'Transition for Year 6/7', which is for Primary and Secondary.
If you are from a Secondary School or a School Family Worker, please email to be added to the waiting list—dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

Dates: Spring Term 2020

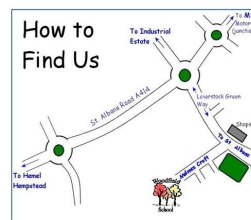
Time: 1:30—4:00pm

*(except for Zones of Regulation, Thursday 12/3 @ 4—6pm)

Location: The Lodge, Woodfield School

To book: <https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Woodfield School Outreach Service



Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 8RL
Tel: 01442 253 476 email: outreach@woodfield.herts.sch.uk
Ian Burgess & Vanessa Gregory



Free Herts for Learning SEND Briefings

Would you like to access free Herts for Learning SEND Briefings?

Would you like to save time by combining a DSPL8 meeting with a SEND Briefing, networking and lunch?

DSPL8 is offering fully funded termly meetings.

Venue: South Hill Centre Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1JF

Dates & Times: Wednesday 25th March 2020 - 12:30-4:00 pm
Wednesday 8th July, 2020 - 9:00am- 12:30pm

Programme for 25th March 2020 to include:

- 12.30-1.00pm: Networking Lunch
- 1.00pm-2.00pm: Graduated Response – Sally Yates, ISL Area Manager North Herts and Stevenage and County Lead for SEND
- 2.00- 4.00pm: Louise Barrell and Val Hazell, HFL SEND Achievement Advisers – SEND briefing

To book your place, please click on the following Eventbrite link:
<http://dspl8.eventbrite.com/>

Specialist Advice & Support Children's Services



Free Early Years Training
Supporting Children with Autism & Social Communication Needs
Wednesday 5th February 2020
9:30am – 2:30pm
Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road,
Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER

Suitable for: EY Teachers, SENCOs/INCOs, Managers/Senior Leaders, Early Years Practitioners, Nursery Nurses, Teaching/Learning Assistants

Hertfordshire County Council is rolling out a programme of training for all Early Years settings. The aims of the training are:

- to develop increased understanding and awareness of autism & social communication needs
- to explore strategies to support learning and development
- to enhance good practice across Early Years settings
- to ensure effective support for Early Years children across all settings

There is **no charge** for this training.
Refreshments will be included. Delegates will need to make their own arrangements for lunch.

To book a place on the training, please contact Charlotte Osborne via email:
CommunicationandAutismTeam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please provide the following details:

- Name(s) of applicants
- DSPL Area
- Course name, date & venue
- Setting name and county reference number
- Email address

Applicants will be notified whether a place has been allocated on this course and will be sent a confirmation email confirming the details of the booking.

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND UNLESS YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMED PLACE

Help, Support & Advice



Herts Local Offer - information about services available in your local area for parents, children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer

Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database - You are entitled to join HAND if you are the parent or carer of a child or young person with an additional need or disability aged 0-19. Benefits of joining include a leisure concession card, and subscription to the HAND newsletter.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/HAND

Dacorum School Family Worker Services - Dacorum has four School Family Services teams, who support families of children attending Dacorum Schools. Advice and support is available on a range of issues, including supporting families of children with additional needs. School Family Workers can also help with the facilitation of Education, Health and Care Plans. The teams also run parenting courses and advice sessions, for example with specialists in special educational needs.

Dacorum Family Services www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk

Link Family Services www.linkfamily services.co.uk

Gade Schools Family Support www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk

Kings Langley Partnership of Schools 01923 271744

Hertfordshire SEND Information, Advice & Support Service (SENDIASS) - Formerly known as Parent Partnership Service, SENDIASS is an impartial information, advice and support service funded by Hertfordshire County Council for parents, carers, young people (0-25) and professionals. Phone 01992 555847 or email sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk.
www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/sendias



The KIDS East and West HUBs 01923 676549 - The KIDS HUB offers information and support for parents and carers of disabled children / children with additional needs. aged 0-19 in Hertfordshire. KIDS Hub directory of SEND services has also now been published—take a look at what's going on in your area. www.kids.org.uk/hub



HARC (Hertfordshire Branch of the NAS) - Supporting families and people living with autism <http://nasherts.org.uk/>



harc – the Hertfordshire branch of the National Autistic Society



Hertfordshire Wellbeing Service - Offers free, confidential talking therapy and practical support for people 16+ experiencing a wide range of common emotional difficulties such as, anxiety, worry, low mood, depression and stress. They also provide support for carers. <http://talkwellbeing.co.uk/>

Healthy Young Minds in Herts - Wellbeing advice and tools for young people, parents and carers.
<https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>

Benefit entitlement - If you care for a child or young person with a disability or if you have a disability yourself, you may be able to claim a range of benefits including Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance.. For more information on available benefits and entitlement go to:
<https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/financial-support>

DSPL - How can I get involved?

There are a number of ways in which parents can get involved in services. Herts Parent Carer Involvement is a forum for parents to get more involved in the shaping and improving of services for children with additional needs. For more information contact your local network at chair@hertsparentcarers.org or visit www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk



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