

Dear Parent/Carers,

In this DSPL8 Parent/Carers Communication please find the following:

Course/Support	Booking Link/Website
<b>ADD-vance mini consultation 30.03.2022 at 10:30am</b>	<a href="https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/">https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/</a>
<b>Dacorum Family Centre Service – SEND Survey</b>	<a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SEND_2022_Dacorum">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SEND_2022_Dacorum</a>
<b>SEND is everybody's business</b>	<a href="http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDstrategy">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDstrategy</a>
<b>Spring term 2022 online safety newsletters from Herts for Learning</b>	<a href="https://thegrid.org.uk/news/spring-term-2022-online-safety-newsletters-from-herts-for-learning">https://thegrid.org.uk/news/spring-term-2022-online-safety-newsletters-from-herts-for-learning</a>

Please also view the most recent Dacorum Parent/Carers Courses and Support PDF for local updates. Both documents can be downloaded from our website, via the following link: <http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

Stay safe and take care,

DSPL 8 Team – Carole Hassell, Ruth Mason & Ashley Fabray

 Website: [www.dacorumdspl.org.uk](http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk)

 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dspldacorum](https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum)

 Email: [dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk)

 Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/dspl\\_dacorum/](https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/)

 Eventbrite: <https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/>

### **ADD-vacne Mini Consultation – 30.03.2022 at 10:30**

We currently have 1 session available to book on 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30. Book this session via: <https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/> More dates will advertised next month

Free mini consultations for  
parent/carers in Dacorum

Facilitated by ADHD/Autism  
Specialist Coaches  
from ADD-vance



### **Dacorum DSPL Area 8 are pleased to offer Mini Consultations For Parent/Carers of children with Autism/ADHD**

DSPL 8 will be funding ½ hour individual sessions for parents of children with ADHD and/or Autism (diagnosed or suspected).

This session will be with a trained ADD-vance coach to address one issue in your family life you would like advice or support on. The session will take place over Zoom.

You need to book a 30 minute session at Eventbrite—[www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](https://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com) for one of the following dates and times:

**Wednesday 30.03.22 10:00 - 11:30**

You will receive an email directly from ADD-vance, with a zoom invite link nearer the date.

More consultation dates will be available next term.

### **Dacorum Family Centre Service – SEND Survey**

The Family Centre Service are looking into how we can better support families with children with a Special Educational Need and/or Disability (SEND) in your local area.

With your help, we hope to gain a better understanding of the needs in your community, with a view to creating a more inclusive service. We welcome your views on the following survey.

Survey Link - [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SEND\\_2022\\_Dacorum](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SEND_2022_Dacorum)

### **SEND is everybody's business**

"SEND is everybody's business" – being ambitious about support for pupils with SEND Happy New Year! Wishing you a great start to the new school term.

At Hertfordshire County Council we excitedly enter 2022 with a set of new year's resolutions about how we will support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families. 1 in 5 people have a special educational need or disability, and we will all come across someone in our lives who can benefit from our support and understanding. That's why the tagline to our Strategy is 'SEND is everybody's business'.

We have 5 ambitions, which cover the support provided by education, health and social care, that underpin our new SEND Strategy 2022 – 2025. Take a look at our ambitions and what they'll mean for you as a professional on our dedicated special educational needs website, the Local Offer. Please do also share this news with the families you support, we would like as many people in Hertfordshire as possible to know how we plan to support them.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDstrategy](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/SENDstrategy)

### **Spring term 2022 online safety newsletters from Herts for Learning**

Please download and share these newsletters with your personal and professional networks as well as with your school or setting parent body where relevant.

<https://thegrid.org.uk/news/spring-term-2022-online-safety-newsletters-from-herts-for-learning>

For more information, advice and training about online safety across the curriculum and embedding this within a wider whole school approach to include mental health, positive relationships and safeguarding, please contact the Herts for Learning Wellbeing team at or visit Herts for Learning | Online Safety.

## DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support – Spring Term 2022

### DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support 2021-22

Please find below the support available to parent/carers of a child with SEND who attends a school or resides in Dacorum

#### Spring 2022 Term

ADD-vance Mini Consultation		12.01.2022	10.00:11:30	Online (see booking link below) You will receive an online meeting link directly from ADD-vance
		01.02.2022	19:00:20:30	
		03.03.2022	10.00:11:30	
		30.03.2022	10.00:11:30	
SEND Surgeries		Thursday's	09:30-12:30	Online (see booking link below)
		27.01.2022 24.03.2022		
Compassion & Resilience - 3 week course By Bounce Forward		25.01.2022-08.02.2022	11:00-12:00	Online Booking Link: <a href="https://bounceforward.com/compassion-and-resilience/">https://bounceforward.com/compassion-and-resilience/</a>

#### ADD-vance Mini Consultation

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#### SEND Surgeries

Dacorum Family Services North & East: are offering a 30 minute session with our SEND School Family Workers to answer questions and to offer support and signposting for parents/carers of children with additional needs. To book, please go to [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com) and choose a 30 minute session, providing details of the topic that you would like to cover. Dates are released termly on Eventbrite.

Gade support School Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership: our Partnership has a specialist Family Support worker who works with families of children with SEND. We will support parents in school and with parents at home, will provide practical advice, guidance and support on all aspects of SEND. We offer SEND surgeries in our community offices and these can be booked by contacting your school and requesting support.

See the end of the document for a list of schools in each Partnership.

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### DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support 2021-22

#### Local Schools Partnership Schools

##### DFS North & East Partnership Schools:

St Albert the Great, Aldbury, Ashlyns, Astley Cooper, Belswains, Chambersbury, Bishop Wood, Bridgewater, Broadfield, DESC, Dundale, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Goldfield, Great Gaddesden, Greenway, Grove Road, Hammond, Haywood Grove, Hobbs Hill Wood, Hobbetts Manor Infant, Hobbetts Manor Junior, Holtsmere End Infants, Holtsmere End Junior, Jupiter, Leverstock Green, Lime Walk Little Gaddesden, Long Marston, Markyate, Potten End, Reddings, Roman Fields, St Bartholomews, St Mary's, St Thomas More, Swing Gate, The Thomas Coram, Tring, Tudor, Victoria, Westfield, Woodfield School, Yewtree

##### Gade Support School Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership:

**Kings Langley Partnership:** Kings Langley Secondary, Kings Langley Primary, Sarra Primary, St Pauls School, Chipperfield, Bovingdon Primary Academy, Nash Mills Primary, Bedmond Village Primary

**Gade Schools Family Support:** John F Kennedy, Hemel Hempstead School, The Cavendish School, Chaulden Infants and Junior Schools, Boxmoor Primary, St Roses Infants, Micklem Primary, Galley Hill Primary, South Hill Primary, George Street School, Gade Valley School, St Cuthbert Mayne, Two Waters Primary, Pixies Hill Primary, Heath Lane Nursery, The Collett School

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## Local School Partnership's

### Student and Family Support Services

### Gade Schools Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership



Kings Langley Partnership of Schools  
Working Together to Prepare our Children for the Challenges of Tomorrow



As part of the Partnership of Dacorum Schools Gade and Kings Langley Schools Family Support are able to provide families with a range of support services.

- ❖ **Parent Support Services**—We have a team of Family Support workers who are available to work in school and with parents at home. Our support workers can work with families on any range of issues and will provide practical advice, guidance and support.
- ❖ **Pupil Support Services**—Our Partnership has Pupil Support workers who are available to work with children in school to support them with their behaviour, emotional wellbeing and how to overcome difficulties they may be facing. Our workers offer support groups in school or will work with children on a one to one basis at school. If you feel your child needs support, please contact your school directly to request this support.
- ❖ **SEND Support**—Our Partnership has a specialist Family Support worker who works with families of children with SEND. We will support parents in school and with parents at home, will provide practical advice, guidance and support on all aspects of SEND. We offer SEND surgeries in our community offices and these can be booked by contacting your school and requesting support.

- ❖ **Parent Courses and Workshops** – We will regularly host a range of courses and workshops for families on a range of different themes including managing challenging behaviour, managing teens, transition to secondary school, developing confidence and self-esteem and a range of other themes.
- ❖ **Parent Surgeries** – As a Service we host a range of one to one advice surgeries on Housing Advice, Debt Management Advice, Autism Support and Advice, SEND Support and Advice. Various dates are available and are published on our web site [www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk](http://www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk)

***Schools can refer families to our Services however families can refer directly if they would like to speak with a member of staff directly and in confidence please contact the Partnership Office on 01442 278793.***

Our Service is only able to work with Parents who have children in one of our Partnership Schools. Schools in our Partnership are:

**Kings Langley Partnership:** Kings Langley Secondary, Kings Langley Primary, Sarratt Primary, St Pauls School, Chipperfield, Bovington Primary Academy, Nash Mills Primary, Bedmond Village Primary

**Gade Schools Family Support:** John F Kennedy, Hemel Hempstead School, The Cavendish School, Chaulden Infants and Junior Schools, Boxmoor Primary, St Roses Infants, Micklem Primary, Galley Hill Primary, South Hill Primary, George Street School, Gade Valley School, St Cuthbert Mayne, Two Waters Primary, Pixies Hill Primary, Heath Lane Nursery, The Collett School

**[www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk](http://www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk)**  
**Partnership Office: 01442 278793**

## **Dacorum Family Services**

**DFS North & East Partnership Schools:** St Albert the Great, Adeyfield\*, Aldbury, Ashlyns, Astley Cooper, Aycliffe Drive\*, Belswains, Brockswood\*, Chambersbury, Bishop Wood, Bridgewater, Broadfield, DESC, Dundale, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Goldfield, Great Gaddesden, Greenway, Grove Road, Hammond, Haywood Grove, Hobbs Hill Wood, Hobletts Manor Infant, Hobletts Manor Junior, Holtsmere End Infants, Holtsmere End Junior, Jupiter, Leverstock Green, Lime Walk, Longdean\*, Little Gaddesden, Long Marston, Maple Grove\*, Markyate, Potten End, Reddings, Roman Fields, St Bartholomews, St Mary's, St Thomas More, Swing Gate, The Thomas Coram, Tring, Tudor, Victoria, Westfield, Woodfield School, Yewtree

***\*Signposting Service only***



## **Dacorum Family Services**

A Free, Confidential  
Advice and Support Service  
for DFS North & East Schools'  
Families

### **Dacorum Family Services North & East Supporting Communities in DFS Schools**

#### **Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead East, Link & Tring Family Services**

#### **ABOUT OUR SERVICE**

Dacorum Family Services offers a term time + service to parents and their children attending schools within the partnership. School Family Workers can assist parents to resolve their concerns by working in partnership with them and/or by finding the support they need and help them to get in touch with organisations with the specialist skills and knowledge to help.

#### **One to One Family Support**

Completing needs assessments from the Families' perspective  
Creating an action plan of SMART actions for the family to work to  
In home working with families  
Supporting community appointments

#### **Drop In Surgery Support**

Working with the school to provide a one stop shop for advice, guidance and support.  
Fortnightly surgeries at each school.  
Regular communication with School Single Point Of Contact (SPC)

#### **Group Work**

Facilitating parental workshop presentations  
Offering a parental workshop presentation every half term  
Covering a range of parenting specific subjects  
Pupil group support programmes

#### **How does this help DFS Schools?**

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| ✓ Families First Early Help continuum within social care provision, step up/down, referral, EHM etc. | ✓ Reduced work load for school staff | ✓ Emotional and mental health parent and pupil programmes, supporting new government directives. |
| ✓ Support from a team of experienced workers with identified specialisms.                            | ✓ Supporting staff well-being        | ✓ Supporting best practice and staff development, peer supervision sessions                      |



## *Flexible Support for*

## **Your School Community**



### **SEND Support Worker**

Specialist support for higher need SEND families SEND Screening to support diagnosis assessment

### **School Family Worker**

A personal and confidential service that addresses any needs or concerns raised by the family



### **Pupil Support Worker**

Specialist support for pupils to address an identified concern highlighted by the school or family. Using one to one and group work time specific programmes.

## **What do our Dacorum Family Services Users Say:**

### **Families:**

- "Being listened to and put in touch with different courses that I can attend"
- Very helpful friendly service. Most helpful: home visits"
- Parents evening: DFS SFW was an excellent help. Understanding and compassionate but offering practical support"

### **Schools:**

"DFS SFW was an excellent support to this family and without her caring attitude and determination we wouldn't have got so far with this family"

"DFS SFW was outstanding with regard to her involvement with this family and was part of the reason this family moved up to CP eventually. DFS certainly went "above and beyond" while working with this family including staying late one evening to support me as the Head teacher, as well as mum while we waited for social services and the police arrived."

"SFW was great at being an advocate for the family helping set meeting agendas and also working with the family to manage their expectations within the limits of the school system"

Dacorum Family Services North & East  
c/o Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School  
Peascroft Rd, Hemel Hempstead,  
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[www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk](http://www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk)



## **ISL SEND Duty Lines & SEND advice lines for Parents/Carers**

### **Statutory SEND Team (for queries about your EHCP)**

This academic year our SEND Duty lines will be available:

**9am - 5.30pm Monday - Wednesday, and 9am – 4:30pm Fridays.**

**East Herts, Broxbourne Welwyn and Hatfield - 01992 588562**

[easthertsbroxbourne.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:easthertsbroxbourne.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**North Herts and Stevenage - 01438 843758**

[northhertsstevenage.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:northhertsstevenage.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**St Albans and Dacorum - 01442 453 300**

[stadsendteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:stadsendteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

**Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere - 01442 454012**

[watfordthreerivers.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:watfordthreerivers.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

### **Specialist advice lines**

**Educational psychology advice line**

**01992 588 574 Wednesdays 2pm - 4.30pm**

**Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)**

**01442 453 920 (term time only) Thurs, 9.30am - 12pm**

**Speech, Language, Communication and autism Needs (SLCA)**

**01442 453 920 (term time only) Tues and Weds, 1.30pm - 4pm**

**Early years (0 - 5)**

**01442 453 920 (term time only) Weds 9am - 12pm and Thurs 1.30pm - 4pm**

Physical and neurological impairment team (PNI)

01442 453 920 (term time only) Mondays, 1.30pm - 4pm

**West team Attendance Duty**

01442 454 778 Monday –Friday 9:30am-4pm

Education Support for Medical Absence (ESMA)

01442 454 802 (school hours, term time only)

[esmaenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:esmaenquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Children and young people's therapy services

(Advice from occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists)

01923 470680 – select Option 3 for the therapy service. Callers then choose to use the service Advice Line (select 1) or to speak to an administrator (select 2).

Or email [hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net](mailto:hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net)

## **SUPPORT**



**Speech, Language, Communication and Autism** - [stadac.islteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:stadac.islteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



**Educational Psychologists** - Use our advice line to speak to an educational psychologist or an advisory teacher if you need support. **Wednesday 2 - 4.30pm 01992 588 574**



**Autism Helpline** 10am – 3pm, Monday to Friday - **0808 800 4104** or via online contact form  
<https://www.autism.org.uk/enquiry>



**ADD-vance Helpdesk** is open from 9am to 1pm every weekday via 01727 833963 or email to [herts@add-vance.org](mailto:herts@add-vance.org) Website - [www.add-vance.org](http://www.add-vance.org) Facebook – [www.add-vance.org/parents/](http://www.add-vance.org/parents/)



**Hertfordshire Local Offer** The Local offer lets parents and young people know what special education needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire and who can access them.  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx>



**Herts Help** a network of community organisations in Hertfordshire working together. We're here to listen and help you find independent support, guidance and information you need to get the most out of life.  
Call us on **0300 123 4044** or email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)



**Kids Hub** support and information to families with children and young people with SEND. We are still open and offer support and advice to families over the phone and emails and our SEN Toy and Equipment is still available to parents. If you would like to get in contact with us please call on 01992 504013/ 01923 676549 or email us at [hub.herts@kids.org.uk](mailto:hub.herts@kids.org.uk)



**Hertfordshire SENDIASS** is an impartial Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). Contact SENDIASS on: [sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or 01992 555 847



**Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND)** voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. By joining the register, you can get discounts at places around the county (and beyond). Contact via:  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/hertfordshire-additional->

**If you would like to register for our mailing list, or be removed, please email [dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk)**

[needs-database.aspx](#) or email [hand@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hand@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



**Families First** Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>



**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>



**Carers in Hertfordshire** provides advice, information and support to unpaid carers.

Website - [www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk) Telephone – 01992 586969 (9am-5:30pm Mon-Thurs & 9am-4:30pm Fri)



**Hertfordshire Mind** - If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and would like someone to talk to, you can call our **Crisis Helpline**. Available to provide emotional support 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To contact the helpline please call us on **01923 256391**.



**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.

<http://talkwellbeing.co.uk/>



**Healthy Young Minds in Herts** - Wellbeing advice and tools for young people, parents and carers.

<https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>



**Just Talk Herts** – Mental Health support and advice for young people. [www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org)



**Family Lives** – Parenting and Family support Helpline 0808 800 2222



**Foodbanks** - <https://dacorum.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>



**Health Coronavirus** - <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

**Self-Isolating Guidance** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

**Domestic Abuse Help** - [www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help)



**Hertfordshire County Council Children's Services** - 0300 123 4043



**Samaritans** - 116 123



**ChildLine** - 0800 1111



**Herts Parent Carer Involvement HPCI** – Independent parent carer led organisation which aims to improve services for children and young people who have SEND – 07840 360 245 <https://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/>