

Dear Professionals,

In this communication, please find the following training and support with the booking/information links. Please find more information on each session, in this PDF document.

TOPIC	BOOKING/INFORMATION LINK
Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors	https://thegrid.org.uk/send-and-additional-needs/special-educational-needs-and-disability/high-needs-funding-hnf-in-mainstream-schools
Autism, Girls and Keeping it all Inside paper	https://autisticgirlsnetwork.org/keeping-it-all-inside/
ADHD Awareness Workshop day	https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ADHD290422
SEND update from Integrated Services for Learning (ISL) to schools	PDF's attached to DSPL email
Virtual School - Education Hub	Email address: education.hub@hertfordshire.gov.uk
Positive Minds; in your schools	Email: Kennedy.Morgan@watfordfc.com (Information pack PDF attached to DSPL email)
Woodfield Outreach Training: What helps effective transitions? 25.05.2022 Great skills for Teaching and Learning Assistants 08.06.22 or 15.06.2025	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-helps-effective-transitions-online-dacorum-prof-tickets-219922132017 https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-skills-for-teaching-and-learning-assistants-1-session-dacorum-prof-tickets-219923546247

The DSPL8 Professionals communication can also be downloaded from our website via the following link:
<http://www.dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-professionals-2/>

Kind Regards,

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

Free Early Years Training

To book a place on the training, please contact Charlotte Osborne via email:

CommunicationandAutismTeamISL@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please provide the following details:

- Name(s) of applicants:
- DSPL Area
- Course name & date
- Setting name
- Email address(s) of applicant(s) as invite to training will be sent to them directly

Specialist Advice & Support
Children's Services



Free Early Years Training
(DSPL7 & 8 – St Albans & Dacorum)
Supporting Children with Autism & Social Communication
Needs
Dates: 10th May 2022, 17th May 2022 or 14th June
9:30 to 2:30pm
You only need to attend 1 session but have included all dates to help with planning.
As an alternative we are running twilight training which you attend
between 3.30-5pm on both the 6th & 20th June 2022

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.

Training will be delivered virtually using Microsoft Teams.

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Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors

Full details of these sessions and how to book a place can be found on The Grid (link below): Top-up High Needs Funding (HNF) in mainstream schools - Hertfordshire Grid for Learning (thegrid.org.uk)

<https://thegrid.org.uk/send-and-additional-needs/special-educational-needs-and-disability/high-needs-funding-hnf-in-mainstream-schools>

Booking links:

17th May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/changes-to-hnf-banding-descriptors-tickets-294114282737>

20th May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/changes-to-hnf-banding-descriptors-online-session-tickets-310969166147>

24th May: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/changes-to-hnf-banding-descriptors-tickets-310963559377>


Changes to HNF Banding Descriptors

A briefing session and training for all schools and settings, parents, carers, professionals and LA staff involved in supporting children and young people with SEND in mainstream and specialist settings following changes to HNF Banding Descriptors

This is an essential update and training on the use of the new banding descriptors to be published on 6th June 2022

Date	Time	Venue	Booking
17 May 2022	13.30 – 15.30	Stevenage Football Club, Broadhall Way, Stevenage, SG2 8RH	Register for this session here
20 May 2022	13:30 – 15:30	Online training session (Please note this session will be recorded and posted on The Grid. To read our privacy notice, please click here)	Register for this session here
24 May 2022	10:00 – 12:00	The Niland Conference Centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey Heath, Bushey WD23 4EE	Register for this session here


Refreshments will be available on arrival



Attend this Session to:

- Hear about the changes to the Banding Descriptors including the new specialist bands
- Undertake training in the use of the new Banding Descriptors
- Understand how resources are provided using the new Banding Descriptors

For further information please email:
SENDStrategy@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Autism, Girls and Keeping it all Inside

The Autistic Girls Network have produced a new paper looking at the different presentation of autism that girls who have yet to be diagnosed may exhibit, and the support they need. It includes a handy 'What to look out for' that will be useful for all SENCOs to read.

<https://autisticgirlsnetwork.org/keeping-it-all-inside/>

ADHD Awareness Workshop day

This workshop is open to Staff in DSPL8 Schools and is taking place this Friday!

Booking link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ADHD290422>

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ADHD Awareness & Training Day



Free Course funded by DSPL5

Date/Time: Friday 29th April 2022 (9.30am-2.30pm)

Venue: The View, Old Hens Lane, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 2ED

(Arrival from 9.15am. Free parking available on site)

ADHD Awareness & Training Day is aimed at Primary and Secondary school staff as well as parents and carers of children with ADHD.

Guest speakers: Dr Susan Ozar, Dr Inyang Takon and Dr Nivedita Bajaj from *School Doctor*.

Talks include:

- ADHD overview will cover Neurobiology, comorbidities and EF- Speaker: **Dr Susan Ozer**
- ADHD comorbidity with focus on autism – Speaker: **Dr Bajaj**
- ADHD medication with focus on growth and puberty – Speaker: **Dr Takon**
- Strategies to support ADHD at home and school – Speaker: **ADHD nurse**

Due to limited spaces, a maximum of two places for staff and two places for parents or carers per school will be offered. To book a place for yourself and your parents/carers please click on the link below (schools will need to book on behalf of parents using the same link).

Refreshments and lunch will be provided, please state your dietary preferences when booking.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ADHD290422>



For any queries, please email admin@greenlanes.herts.sch.uk or dspladmin@greenlanes.herts.sch.uk


SEND update from Integrated Services for Learning (ISL) to schools

Please find the DPL8 email; ISL comms update for April 2022 and Statutory SEND update for special schools.

Virtual School - Education Hub

Email address: education.hub@hertfordshire.gov.uk





Education Hub



**Promoting the Education of Children (0-18) on a
Child in Need or Child Protection Plan**

***An informative and advice service for Social Care colleagues and schools for
pupils known to Children's Services on CP/CIN plans***

Advice and signposting available relating to concerns you may have, including
some of the following:

• School attendance and refusal	• Communication and Language needs
• Education engagement	• SEN & EHCPs
• Progress and attainment	• SEMH needs
• Admissions/Transition	• Wider referrals

If so, please email the Education Hub on:
education.hub@hertfordshire.gov.uk

An Education Mentor will respond within 1-2 days with written guidance and support and can also offer a phone call or MS Teams Meeting to discuss your queries further.

If a Multi-Agency discussion is needed, we offer 45-minute time slots on a Friday. The Hub includes Virtual School Education Advisers, Education Mentors, a Speech and Language Therapist, an Educational Psychologist, Social Care Manager and other professionals/services who will feed into the discussion relating to the concerns.

Positive Minds; in your schools

COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION TRUST

Positive Minds; Education

WatfordFC wellbeing

A FREE Wellbeing Programme.

Available to all primary schools in Hertfordshire.
3 delivery phases across the academic year.

Positive Minds: is a FREE, award-winning 10-week programme for Year 6 pupils designed to support them to:

- Improve their understanding of Mental Health
- Identify coping strategies that they can use to help manage their emotions and promote positive mental wellbeing.
- Identify their support network and who they can go to for help.

Topic Covered:

- Introduction to Mental Health
- Building Positive Relationships
- Body, Mind and Resilience
- 5 Ways to Wellbeing
- Gaming
- Social Media and Internet Safety
- Body Image
- Emotional Literacy and Emotional Regulation
- Talking about Mental Health
- My Next Steps

For bookings, contact

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We are starting the last delivery term of this academic year this week and are excited to have our biggest delivery term yet for Positive Minds; **96 Hertfordshire primary schools this term!**

This academic year we have delivered the provision to **50% of Hertfordshire's year 6 students**, which is fantastic to know that we have provided support, knowledge and guidance for mental wellbeing to this many year 6 students, particularly key in a time of change and transition.

I have sent some time tracking the delivery across the country to look at where our programme is reaching, split into the 10 districts of Herts, you can see below what percentage of schools in those areas that have received / are receiving the Positive Minds; programme in this academic year.

Watford: 75%
3Rivers: 70%
Hertsmere: 67%
Dacorum: 54%
St Albans: 51%
Welwyn & Hatfield: 51%
Broxbourne: 56%
Stevenage: 47%
East Herts: 32%
North Herts: 16%

We are able to take bookings onto these terms online programme until next Tuesday 3rd May, after this point schools will only be able to book onto next academic year. Please see attached the Positive Minds; schools' information if you would like to disseminate it out to your primary schools.

I will do an update at the end of the term with any changes to the above figures.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Many thanks
Kennedy

(Information pack PDF attached to DSPL email)

Woodfield Outreach Professionals Training

Please see below the next available upcoming Training sessions:

What helps effective transitions?

- Develop a range of practical strategies to support pupils with different types of transitions including:
 - with in a day
 - between places
 - between teachers
 - from one school year to another
 - between school or departments

1 session online.

Wednesday 25th May 22, 2-3pm via Zoom

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-helps-effective-transitions-online-dacorum-prof-tickets-219922132017>

Great skills for Teaching and Learning Assistants

- Develop a range of practical strategies to enhance your skills as TA/LSA
- Develop your use of positive behaviour support and quality interaction
- How to make simple visual supports
- Practice simplifying and extending the challenge in tasks
- Develop your understanding of how to adapt an activity to make it more accessible
- Practice identifying what the learning is and what progress can look like with how to feed that back to the teacher

Please attend 1 session in person.

This is being offered on 2 separate dates.

Wednesday 8th June 22, 1.30-3.30pm In person @ Woodfield School HP3 8RL

Or

Wednesday 15th June 22, 1.30-3.30pm In person @ Woodfield School HP3 8RL

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-skills-for-teaching-and-learning-assistants-1-session-dacorum-prof-tickets-219923546247>

Professionals Training - Summer 2022

DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2021-22

Please find below the dates and times for training available to DSPL8 Professionals for 2021-22.

Summer 2022 Term

Autism Lead Network meeting	27.04.2022	13:00-14:30	Online
Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) leads network	15.06.2022	13:30-15:00	Online*
Behaviour Forum Secondary Pastoral Leads	16.06.2022	15:30-17:00	DESC
Herts for Learning SEND Briefing	06.07.2022	12:00-16:00	South Hill Centre
SENCo Cluster Network - Tring	*see below		
SENCo Cluster Network - Berkhamsted	**see below		
SENCo Cluster Network - Secondary	09.06.2022	09:15-10:45	Online
SENCo Cluster Network - 1	24.05.2022	09:15-10:45	Online
SENCo Cluster Network - 2	24.05.2022	13:15-14:45	Online
SENCo Cluster Network - 3	26.05.2022	09:15-10:45	Online
SENCo Cluster Network - 4	26.05.2022	13:15-14:45	Online
Woodfield Outreach Training: Social Stories, when & how to write them—Part 1	30.03.2022	14:00-15:00	Online
Social Stories, when & how to write them—Part 2	27.04.2022	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School
Positive Behaviour Support	11–18.05.2022	14:00-15:00	Online
What helps effective transitions?	25.05.2022	14:00-15:00	Online
Great skills for Teaching and Learning Assistants	08 / 15.06.2022	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School
Supporting demand avoidant learners	22.06.2022	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School
Developing Communication for pre/non-verbal	29.06.2022	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School

Book your place via: www.dspl8.eventbrite.com

Autism Lead Network Meeting

Autism Lead Forums are sessions for those with autism lead responsibility to hear the latest developments and practice for autistic young people. There is also an opportunity for networking and sharing good practice between schools. **Book via Eventbrite.**

Behaviour Forum

The Behaviour Forum provides an opportunity for Secondary Pastoral Leads to hear the latest initiatives and developments. Whilst providing an opportunity for networking and sharing of good practice. **Book via Eventbrite.**

Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) leads network

Mental Health Lead Forums are sessions for those with mental health lead/deputy responsibility to hear latest developments, training and support for those working to improve and support well-being in schools for adults and young people. ***You do not need to book on Eventbrite, as a Microsoft teams link will follow from Public Health.**

Herts for Learning SEND Briefing

SEND Briefings are designed for all SENCO's to ensure you are up to date with local and national SEND practice. With an hour for a specialist presentation on a SEND related topic and hour and half for Herts for Learning presentation on local/national updates. Slides of presentations are available after the event to those that have attended/registered. In non covid times we also ensure there is time for networking and catch up over coffee and cake. **Book via Eventbrite.**

SENCo Network Cluster Meetings

SENCO network meetings are an opportunity for SENCO's to share good practice ideas, problem solve together and spend some time with others. From time to time speakers can be arranged and there is an opportunity for issues raised to be highlighted within the DSPL in order to highlight need or seek resolution to common challenges. See the last page for a list of schools in each SENCO Network Cluster. **Book via Eventbrite.**

*Tring Cluster: For further information contact - masonr@kls.herts.sch.uk

**Berkhamsted Cluster: For further information contact - masonr@kls.herts.sch.uk

Website - www.dacorumdspl.org.uk
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Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2021-22

Schools in each SENCO Network cluster

Network 1	Network 2
Bedmond Boxmoor Galley Hill Heath Lane Hemel Hempstead Micklem Nash Mills Pixies Hill South Hill St Roses Two Waters	Bovingdon Chaulden Infants Chaulden Juniors Gade Valley George Street Great Gaddesden JFK Kings Langley School Sarratt St Cuthbert Mayne St Pauls Chipperfield St Roses The Laureate
Network 3	Network 4
Astley Cooper Aycliffe Drive Belswains Brockwood Flamsted Village School Gaddesden Row Hobletts Manor Infants Hobletts Junior Holtsmere Infants Holtsmere Juniors Kings Langley Primary Maple Grove St Albert the Great Yewtree	Adeyfield Broadfield Chambersbury Hammond Hobbs Hill Wood Jupiter Free School Leverstock Green Lime Walk Longdean Marykate Village The Reddings Tudor

Website - www.dacorumdspl.org.uk
Facebook - www.facebook.com/dspldacorum

Email - dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk
Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

Local High Needs Funding Panel dates 2021-22

The dates below are for next two LHNFP panels and application submission dates:

Day	Date	Time	Papers due
Thursday	19.05.2022	10am	05.05.2022
Thursday	16.06.2022	10am	26.05.2022

Please email password protected application forms to dspl8lhnfp@kls.herts.sch.uk

ISL SEND Duty and SEND Advice Lines

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

North Herts and Stevenage - 01438 843758

northhertsstevenage.senteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

St Albans and Dacorum - 01442 453 300

stadsendteam@hertfordshire.gov.uk

If you would like to register for our mailing list, or be removed, please email dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere - 01442 454012
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

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.

Please feel free to share this email with any relevant colleagues.