



Welcome

DSPL is a Hertfordshire County Council organisation designed to support good practice and local development for children and young people with disabilities or additional needs in a local area. DSPL 8 covers Dacorum. We have an early years sub group with representatives from public health, family centres and settings to identify and support services to meet children's needs. We will be publishing this newsletter twice year to support your practice and share information on services.

Makaton Resources



Many young children can benefit Makaton being used in their setting. Although Makaton training is widely available, starting to sign and use Makaton within your setting doesn't need to be a big deal, getting everyone to use the same group of signs, every day is likely to have a bigger impact than having one member of staff trained. Below are links to introductory signs and resources you can share with your staff team and parents.

[Free Resources from Makaton Charity](#)

[Short Article with links on the benefits of Makaton](#)

[Link to Mr Tumble You Tube Video with Basic Signs](#)

Makaton training has a standard price and is now available on line as well as face to face. Below is links to training providers:

[Hertfordshire Speech and Language Therapy Service Makaton Training](#)

Early Years SEND Services HCC



Early Years SEND Team Pathway Documents. The SEND SAS team have produced pathway documents for settings to explain their service offer, the local team members and how to access the service. There is a version for PVI/Maintained Nurseries and one for schools, as their offer differs slightly between the two.

These are now both available on our website in our News and Resources Section:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-professionals-2/>

Direct PDF links:

PVI/Maintained Nurseries: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Early-Years-SEND-Team-Local-Area-Team-PVI-MNS-StAD.pdf>

Schools: <https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Early-Years-SEND-Team-Local-Area-Team-Schools-StAD.pdf>



Save the date – 7th June 4pm Face to Face Transition Event for PVI's and Schools.

Over the last few years Dacorum settings have been using Smooth Transitions to great effect and impact in ensuring children with additional needs are supported in moving between settings. Due to Covid face to face events to support this process haven't been possible. However, this coming summer we want to host a transitions event for our schools and PVIs to have the opportunity to talk to each other with our ISL early years staff available.

So on **June 7th, 4pm** at **Gade Valley Primary School** we will be hosting the Dacorum Transition Event. We will be asking everyone to register by May 24th so we can make sure everyone knows who is attending and allow you to get permission to children you have in mind. Booking information will be available next term.

Hertfordshire Integrated Services for Learning (ISL)

This service has provided an update on the services it provides to support children with additional needs. Alongside this the service has published a Statutory SEND Communication Protocol. This is available for you to read here:



<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/HCC-Stat-SEND-Communication-Policy-2022.pdf>

The Hertfordshire Descriptors of Need for Mainstream and Specialist Provisions are now available. This sets out Hertfordshire's approach to funding the special educational provision expected for children and young people in a mainstream school or early years setting. As a setting you should be looking at the universal provision described in the different provision documents to see how well you can meet expected standards for supporting children with additional need. The documents to read are in the section called Descriptors of Need by Provision and are broken down by phase with specific Early Years Provision Descriptors.

The documents are available here:

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

**Specialist Advice & Support
Children's Services**



**Free Early Years Training
(DSPL7 & 8 – St Albans & Dacorum)**
Supporting Children with Autism & Social Communication
Needs

Dates: 30th January 2023 or 15th May 2023
9:45 to 2:30pm in person at a school in St Albans
(Details supplied when booking confirmed)

If attending a daytime session, you only need to attend one date. If wanting to attend twilight training, you need to attend both dates as training is split in 2 parts.

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.

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

Without the above information bookings may not be actioned