Dear Parent/Carers,

Please find below courses and support available to Dacorum Parent/Carers from local providers. Please contact the providers directly, as detailed in their flyers.

Kind Regards, DSPL 8 Team

#### **Potential Kids—November Activities**

Booking Link: www.potentialkids.org/activities

Time

16.30-18.30

16.45-18.00

10.00-12.00

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18.30-19.30

11.00-13.00

19.30-22.00

Sessions

Teens 12+

Trampolining

STEAM Home

Education STEAM Home

Education

Minecraft On-line

Free Family Football

Drop In SOS-SEN Walk-In

**Advice Center** 

STEAM Home

Education STEAM Home

Education Trampolining

STEAM Home

Education STEAM Home

Education

Youth Group 16+

**Community Connect** 

Drop In Coffee/Chat

Youth Group 13+

Minecraft Face to Face

STEAM Home

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Minecraft On-line

Community Connect

Drop In Coffee/Chat

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www.potentialkids.org.uk/activities



Location

PK Hub

Gosling

PK Garden

PK Garden

On-line

Birchwood

Leisure Center

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could gain work experience or do your Duke of Edinburgh Award with PK?





Connecting with our Community vulnerable



PK Hub & Garden

1:1 & Small Group Education provider



Approved center to deliver nationally Accredited qualifications



**Care Sessions** FRIDAY

**Home Education** Sessions available on Friday's



Danescroft

Stables

PK Garden

Therapeutic Gardening sions available

Contact us for further information on any of our activities info@potentialkids.org



















Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk



## **Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing Workshops**

23rd November 2022 booking link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotional-wellbeing-and-ability-to-self-regulate-tickets-166654581339">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotional-wellbeing-and-ability-to-self-regulate-tickets-166654581339</a>

For further workshops visits: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787</a>

# Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing



#### Who is this workshop for?

Parents of children aged 5-11 wanting to learn information and strategies on how to support their child's emotional wellbeing and support their child to emotionally regulate.

## What will be covered?

- What are emotions and why do we have them?
- The Fight, Flight and Freeze Response
- Recognising, Labelling and Normalising Emotions
- General Emotional Regulation Strategies
- Specific Emotional Regulation Tips for Anger, Anxiety and Feelings of Sadness - Additional resources





#### What will I learn?

- How our brains are linked with emotion and how thoughts, feelings and behaviours interact
  - Strategies to support your child to recognise, label and reculate emotions and maintain ceneral wellbeing
- How to support your child to effectively problem solve and manage their thoughts

## Dates

## All workshops are via MS Teams



40am 42am

10am – 12pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotionalwellbeing-and-ability-to-self-regulate-tickets-166653979539



Tuesday 19th October 2021

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotional-wellbeing-

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-your-childs-emotional







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Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk





## **Up On Downs End of Year Newsletter**

Read the full newsletter via: <a href="https://upondowns.com/index.php/our-newsletters/">https://upondowns.com/index.php/our-newsletters/</a>



End of Year Newsletter

#### CALENDAR DATES

Sat 12 Nov Family Support Meeting

Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth Rd,

Hitchin SG4 9SP 2.00-4.00pm

Sun 4 Dec Up on Downs Christmas Party

St George's Church, Common View, Letchworth SG6 1DA—3.00-5.00pm

Book your FREE tickets now at Eventbrite.

16-22 Dec Treefest: St Saviour's Christmas Tree Festival

St Saviour's Church, 25 Sandpit Lane,

St Albans AL1 4DF

Fridays Choices Youth Group

Hitchin Youth Trust, 111 Walsworth Rd,

Hitchin SG4 9SP 6.15-8.00pm

Mondays Teen Fitness Group

With Tom and Emily Enoch, via Zoom at

5.45pm

Thursdays Teen Social Communication Group

With Emily Enoch, via Zoom at 6.30pm

Saturdays Speech Development Group Meetings

With our Symbol trained practitioners at various locations on Saturday mornings Up On Downs

If you have any questions

suggestions please contact Sande, Jan or Eleanor at:

enquiries.nhdowns @yahoo.co.uk

> call: (01727) 420365

Or visit: www.upondowns.co.uk















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## **Supporting Links: Spring 2023 Term Parent Carer Courses and Workshops**

Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/supporting-links-15053924960

#### **Parent & Carer Courses** Spring Term 2023

## Supporting Linkš

#### TALKING FAMILIES

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cov

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self esteem. Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.

Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm 5th Jan – 9th Feb Online Course 553

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am 23rd Feb – 30th Mar St Albans Course 552 Fleetville Family Centre

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Mondays 7.45-9.15pm 20th Feb – 27th Mar

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Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be. Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting.
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.



Dads. Step-Dads. Stay at home Dads. Working

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm 4th Jan – 8th Feb

Online Course 557

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm 21st Feb - 28th Mar Online Course 558



Diagnosis

## TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict: why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child. Manage different needs within your family.

Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Online Course 551

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 7.30-9.30pm

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Monday 20th March

Monday 27th February 9.30-11.30am

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asd-and-adhd-coping-with-change-for

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Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

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on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibilit I will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Co

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## TALKING TEENS

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover

- The Teen Brain: the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
  - How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 29<sup>th</sup> Mar Online Course 555 **Pre-booking essential** 

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#### Parent & Carer Support **TALKING ASD & ADHD Online Workshops Spring Term 2023**

For parents and carers of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

#### STRESS and ANXIETY

- The difference between stress and anxiety. Understanding anxiety related conditions amongst young people with ASD and/or ADHD. How to spot the non-verbal signs of stress. Common triggers amongst neurodiverse
- children. What an anxious child needs to feel safe and
- how to provide this.

  Strategies to engage an anxious or stressed The early warning signs of mental health
- problems.
  Where to access further help and support,
- locally and nationally

#### RESPONDING TO ANGER

- The difference between healthy & unhealthy anger.
  The pattern that anger takes and how to spot
- the non-verbal signs early.
  Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them. How to respond to our child in meltdown,

ing ourselves, our child and siblings

Where to access further help and support, both locally and nationally

ww.supportinglinks.co.uk

Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/talki asd-and-adhdresponding-to-anger-forparentscarers-in-herts-562registration-458706843517 Tuesday 7th March

Workshop 562 Pre-booking essential via Eventbrite Link:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January

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Workshops are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

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#### THE TEENAGE YEARS

- Teenage brain development and how it affects a child with ASD/ADHD.
- Reducing conflict by learning how to respond effectively to difficult situations. Strengthening your parent/child relationship.
- How to agree appropriate boundaries and Adapting our parenting approach to help our teens become independent adults.

#### COPING with CHANGE

- How children feel and behave when
- experiencing change. How to prepare children for changes such as starting a new school.
- How to support children during and after change by helping them to manage their emotions using effective stress reducing

#### **TECH USE**

- How your child's diagnosis increases rability onli
- vulnerability online.
  What you can do to support any difficulties with online behaviour.
- with online behaviour.
  Recognising when something is wrong.
  Managing difficult conversations with
  confidence.
  Setting and maintaining boundaries for online
- Teaching your child to develop their own methods of regulating internet use and staying

#### SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidan and is this what your child is experiencing? Common causes and triggers of school
- avoidance. How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your
- How to work with your school in your child's



tbrite Links





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

Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dspldacorum

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl dacorum/

## **SPACE Hertfordshire—November & December Workshops & Activities**

Eventbrite Booking Link: spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk



## **NOVEMBER / DECEMBER WORKSHOPS AND COURSES**

Therapeutic Thinking 'What Lies Beneth Behaviour'	Thursday 3rd Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Starting SPACE (2 weeks)	Friday 4th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Raising Self Esteem	Wednesday 9th Nov	10:00 - 11:30
ASD and Tourettes Talk	Thursday 10th Nov	10:00 - 11:30
Navigating the SEND World	Thursday 10th Nov	19:00 - 21:00
Understanding ADHD	Friday 18th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Puberty and Neurodiversity	Tuesday 22nd Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Talking SENsory (2 weeks)	Tuesday 22nd Nov	19:00 - 21:00
Navigating the SEND World	Friday 25th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Navigating the SEND World - Post-16	Monday 28th Nov	10:00 - 12:00
Sleep	Thursday 1st Dec	19:00 - 21:00
Autism and Complex Needs	Monday 5th Dec	10:00 - 12:00
The EHCP Process - Submission to Finalisation	Thursday 8th Dec	19:00 - 21:00
Understanding and Supporting Emotional Regulation	Monday 12th Dec	18:30 - 20:00

Please use the Eventbrite link below to reserve your place:

spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk

Limited Places Available

# DECEMBER ACTIVITIES 🔏







Fri 2nd Online Childrens Art Sat 3rd Driving Experience Mon 5th Junior Online Cooking

5th Online Cooking Masterclass Wed 7th Online Lego Club

Virtual Zoo









spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk All activities are subject to change correct at time of printing



#### **Neurodiversity at Home:**

### **Supporting Emotional Regulation, Sensory Integration and Executive Functions**

An exclusive conference for Herts parents and carers presented by the ADHD Foundation and SPACE Hertfordshire.

You will leave equipped with the principal strategies to:

- Build resilience and support your children and young people to better understand and regulate their emotions.
- A day packed full of meeting other parent/carers, exploring best practice, and lots and lots of practical, actionable strategies for supporting our children and young people at home.
- Better support the sensory differences often experienced by our children.
- Understand more about executive functioning and support your children and young people at home with an emphasis on planning, organising and memory.

er, Deputy CEO and Colin Foley, Training Director of the ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity





Friday 11th November 2022, 9:30-2:30pm Delta Marriott Hotel, Cheshunt £55 including refreshments and lunch



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Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



## **Families In Focus Spring 2023 Term Courses**

Booking via: Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



## A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with ALL Special Educational Need

This course is free for all parents living in Hertfordshire and caring for a primary aged child inclusive of those awaiting diagnosis or with a diagnosis of Special Education Needs, Autism, ADHD & associated needs.

Lesley and Francine are parents, experienced and qualified trainers too



"I would highliy recommend all parents of children with Autism

go on this course - you'll be amazed how much you learn,

and it's great that both Lesley

and Francine are parents too, so really do understand."

Topics include:

- Gain greater understanding and answer the question 'Why does my child do that?'
- Learn a range of strategies and solutions, to better mamage behaviours that challenge
- Gain more understanding of anger triggers and strategies to reduce angry meltdowns
- Learn how to support siblings living with a sister/brother with additional needs / challenging behaviours
- Learn communication techniques to reduce 'emotional traffic jams' and improve your child's emotional regulation
- Learn techniques to manage stress, conflict and so much



Where: Online via Zoom

When: Tuesday mornings 9.30-11.30am January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st February 7th, 21st, 28th March 7th, 14th, 21st

Only 12 free places available. Email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk with name and date of course

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## **Handling Anger in Your Family**

Funded by HCC and FREE this 6 session CANparent Quality Award evidence based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years.

Facilitated by Lesley and Francine who are trained, qualified and experienced facilitators and parents too with 20 + years personal and professional experience.



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This course will enable you and your family to:

- Gain greater understanding of anger dynamics in your family
- Understand the root causes or triggers of anger in your family
- Learn proven and effective strategies that will reduce anger in your family
- Discover new ways to communicate to calm and prevent anger... before it occurs! Learn safe and creative ways for children to 'let go' of pent
- up emotions safely Create a calm family environment so all can talk about
- Gain skills to manage your family's emotional regulation
- Meet other parents in a calm, judgement-free group

Where: Otley Way Family Centre, Otley Way, Watford, WD19 7TB

> When: Wednesday mornings 10am - 12pm January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February 1st, 8th

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- Increase your understanding of triggers that cause angry outbursts
- Learn healthy anger management strategies for children and parents to reduce angry outbursts
- Discover creative ways to support children to 'let go' of anger safely Gain effective empathic communication techniques to
- reduce angry outbursts Meet and share experiences with other parents



Where: Online via Zoom

When: Monday evenings 6.30-8.30pm January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th February 6th

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Funded by Hertfordshire

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## Sleep solutions for all children

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children aged four to ten.

A proven evidence-based, behavioural approach to help families get a better night's sleep

Together, in small interactive groups with trained and accredited Parent Facilitators, Siobhann and Tracey, this evidence-based course will help restore healthy sleep. This course covers:

"Understanding why my child couldn't sleep without me in the bed was life changing. Learning that all I needed to do was make a few simple, gentle changes made it all seem so much more achievable. We do now all sleep in our own beds!"

- Understanding the stages of sleep and impact of sleep deprivation on children's behaviour and learning
- Identifying the causes of sleep difficulties, including a child's sensory sensitivities
- Support to find ways to bring balance to your child's sleep issues
- Tips and ideas that help children go to sleep and stay asleep
- Understanding and managing sleep problems such as night terrors and nightmares
- Learn how to actively listen and respond empathically to children to reduce concerns and feelings such as anxiety
- Helping parents to create a routine & sleep induced environment to aid healthy sleep for the whole family



Funded by Hertfordshire County Council and free for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children aged 4-10 Where: Online via Zoom

When: Friday mornings 9.30-11.30am Z Z
January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
February 3rd, 10th

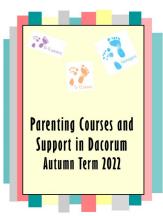
Limited free places available. Email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk to secure your place

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# **Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn 2022**



FREE courses open to parents in Dacorum

For courses from Local Providers, please view the Dacorum Parenting Course Brochure via:

http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/courses-for-parents-carers-andprofessionals/

For SEND courses and support, please visit either:

https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Search?
CategoryId=70&SM=ServiceSearch&UDG=True&SME=True

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/things-to-do

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