

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	<u>BOOKING/INFORMATION LINK</u>
Secondary Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum: 02.02.2023	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-emotional-wellbeing-behaviour-forum-dacorum-school-prof-only-tickets-473410362137">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-emotional-wellbeing-behaviour-forum-dacorum-school-prof-only-tickets-473410362137</a>
Early Years & Primary Mental Health & Wellbeing Network: Date change: 08.03.23	Email: <a href="mailto:publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk">publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>
SEND Best Practice Sharing Event: 21.03.2023	<a href="https://dspl8sendbestpracticeevent.eventbrite.co.uk">https://dspl8sendbestpracticeevent.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
Autism & Emotional Wellbeing Event: 19.04.2023	<a href="https://dspl8autismemotionalwbevent.eventbrite.co.uk">https://dspl8autismemotionalwbevent.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
Early Years Transition Event: 07.06.2023	<a href="https://dspl8eytransitionevent.eventbrite.co.uk">https://dspl8eytransitionevent.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
Hertfordshire Autism Training (HAT)	See flyer for various training and dates
Educational Psychology Services Schools Phone Lines	See flyer for telephone number, dates and times
V-SEND Training	<a href="https://thegrid.org.uk/send-and-additional-needs/hertfordshire-valuing-send-training-vsendl">https://thegrid.org.uk/send-and-additional-needs/hertfordshire-valuing-send-training-vsendl</a>
Woodfield Outreach upcoming training: Social Stories, when and how to write them 08.02.23  Great skills for Teaching and Learning Support Assistants 01.03.23	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-stories-and-how-to-write-them-online-in-person-dacorum-prof-tickets-473427904607">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-stories-and-how-to-write-them-online-in-person-dacorum-prof-tickets-473427904607</a>  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-skills-for-teaching-and-learning-assistants-1-session-dacorum-prof-tickets-473430081117">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-skills-for-teaching-and-learning-assistants-1-session-dacorum-prof-tickets-473430081117</a>
Support for Parents/Carers caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder	To self-refer, visit <a href="https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343">https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343</a> or contact <a href="mailto:info@firststepsed.co.uk">info@firststepsed.co.uk</a> for more information
Local High Needs Funding Panel dates 2022-23	See page 9 for the next two LHNF panel dates
DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer: Spring 2023	<a href="https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/">https://dspl8.eventbrite.co.uk/</a>

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

Kind Regards,

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



## **Secondary Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum: 02.02.2023**

Book your place via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-emotional-wellbeing-behaviour-forum-dacorum-school-prof-only-tickets-473410362137>



### **Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Secondary Forum** **Dacorum Secondary Schools**

The Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Secondary 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.

The Autumn Term session will include the following:

- DESC update: Emma McKenna, DESC
- Public Health update: Kennedy Morgan, Young People's Public Health Officer
- DSPL8 update - Carole Hassell, DSPL8

**Date:** Thursday 2nd February 2023

**Time:** 15:30 - 17:00

**Venue:** The Haven, DESC, 30 Tenzing Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4HS

**Book your place via:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-emotional-wellbeing-behaviour-forum-dacorum-school-prof-only-tickets-473410362137>

## **Early Years & Primary Mental Health & Wellbeing Network: Date change**

Please note the meeting originally scheduled for 1st March 2023 has been moved to Wednesday 8th March 2023, 13:30 - 15:00. You should have received a meeting link directly from Public Health for this network meeting, however if you have not received this please email: [publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



## **SEND Best Practice Sharing Event: 21.03.2023**

Booking Link: <https://dspl8sendbestpracticeevent.eventbrite.co.uk>



## **SEND Best Practice Sharing Event**

This is an opportunity for Primary Early Years Leads and SENCo's to focus on best practice in supporting Early Years children with SEND.



### **Event Details**

**Date:** Tuesday 21st March 2023

**Time:** 4-5pm (Please arrive at 3:45pm for a 4 pm start)

**Venue:** Heath Lane nursery School, Heath Lane  
Hemel Hempstead HP1 1TT

**Please book your place via:**

<https://dspl8sendbestpracticeevent.eventbrite.co.uk>

This event is fully funded for Dacorum Primary Early Years Leads & SENCo's



## **Autism & Emotional Wellbeing Event: 19.04.2023**

Booking link: <https://dspl8autismemotionalwbevent.eventbrite.co.uk>



hendrickx associates

## **Autism & Emotional Wellbeing Event**

Hendrickx Associates will be hosting an online training session for Autism Leads, Mental Health Leads & Deputies and SENCo's focusing on supporting Autistic Young People with Wellbeing and Mental Health in School.

**\*Please note\*** this training session replaces the Autism Leads Network Meeting on 07/03/2023 and if you have already booked onto this session we will automatically book you on to the training on 19th April 2023.

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Wednesday 19th April 2023

**Time:** 1:00-3:00pm

**Venue:** Online - the meeting link will be provided nearer the date

Please book your place via:

<https://dspl8autismemotionalwbevent.eventbrite.co.uk>

This event is fully funded for Dacorum Autism Leads,  
Mental Health Leads & Deputies and SENCo's



## **Early Years Transition Event: 07.06.2023**

Booking link: <https://dspl8eytransitionevent.eventbrite.co.uk>



## **Early Years Transition Event**



This face to face transition event will enable communications between PVI's, Nurseries and Reception Schools in our area. Dacorum Family Centres, ISL & Early Years Advisory Teachers will be in attendance at this event.

### **Event Details**

**Date:** Wednesday 7th June 2023

**Time:** 4-5:30pm

**Venue:** Gade Valley Primary School , Gadebridge Road,  
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 3DT

**Please book your place via:**

<https://dspl8eytransitionevent.eventbrite.co.uk>

This event is fully funded for Dacorum PVI, Nurseries & Reception





## Hertfordshire Autism Training (HAT)

To book spaces please email [autismtraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:autismtraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk) in the subject box please list as StAD Training in the email you must include course title and date, delegate name and their email addresses. Requests without this information will not be actioned.



Autism Training for St Albans & Dacorum  
DSPLs 7 & 8

There are 8 courses on offer in total for spring 2023 term.

We are splitting how training is delivered, some being online and some on MS Teams please read and ensure you know in advance – we had lots of cancellations on the morning of training last term.

**We ask you list them in order of preference as we may not be able to guarantee a space on every course.**

To book spaces please email [autismtraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:autismtraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk) in the subject box please list as StAD Training in the email you must include course title and date, delegate name and their email addresses. Requests without this information will not be actioned.

	Autism & Anxiety
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To gain a fuller understanding of anxiety</li> <li>To know how anxiety can affect children and young people on the autism spectrum</li> <li>To provide strategies to support those with anxiety</li> </ul>
When:	14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 9.30-11 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Autism & Demand Avoidance
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop an understanding of demand avoidance</li> <li>To understand and identify anxieties</li> <li>To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support</li> <li>CYP with demand avoidant responses</li> </ul>
When:	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023 9.30-11.00 local school in Hemel Hempstead

	Autism & Girls
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase understanding of autism in girls</li> <li>To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support girls with autism</li> </ul>
When:	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 9.30-11 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Autism & Puberty
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To know how to support young people to understand how their bodies are changing</li> <li>To know how to support young people to understand sexual relationships</li> <li>To know how to support young people to understand the difference between public and private; and what behaviour is appropriate in each</li> <li>To know how to support young people to keep themselves safe</li> </ul>
When:	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 13.30-15.00 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Pupil Voice
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase understanding of the spectrum of Autism and the key areas of difference</li> <li>To understand why it is important to listen to what children and young people have to say</li> <li>To know why Pupil Voice is important for children and young people with Autism</li> <li>To develop a range of strategies and approaches to support children and young people with Autism to communicate their views</li> </ul>
When:	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 13.30-15.00 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Personalised Reasonable Adjustments
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To have a greater understanding of autism</li> <li>To understand the areas of difference</li> <li>To consider reasonable adjustments that can be made to meet an individual's need</li> </ul>
When:	7 <sup>th</sup> March 13.30-15.00 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Sensory Awareness & Autism
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how sensory integration typically develops and how it may impact on those with autism</li> <li>To understand how sensory differences may impact on those with autism</li> <li>To have a range of strategies and approaches to support children and young people with sensory differences</li> </ul>
When:	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 9.30-11.00 ONLINE VIA MS TEAMS

	Social Stories
Aims of the training:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To recognise why Social Stories are a useful tool to support social understanding</li> <li>To understand what a Social Story is...and what it is not</li> <li>To learn how to write an effective social story</li> </ul>
When:	6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023 9.30-11.00 F2F at local school in St Albans



## Educational Psychology Services Schools Phone Lines

**Educational  
Psychology  
Service**



**ISL** Integrated  
Services for  
Learning  
*working together locally*

# Phoneline

**A 'quick queries' service for schools and settings**

Please call if you would like to speak directly to an Educational Psychologist to discuss meeting the needs of children and young people or related whole school issues.

**In the Spring term 2023 the school/setting Phoneline will be available on the following dates:**

Date	Time	Area
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> January	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> January	2 – 4pm	East 07815 015980
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> January	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> January	2 – 4pm	East 07815 015980
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> February	2 – 4pm	East 07815 015980
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> March	2 – 4pm	East 07815 015980
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	2 – 4pm	East 07815 015980
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	2 – 4pm	West 01442 453043

You may wish to call the line in the area of your school/setting, but can use either. More dates will be released at the end of the Spring Term

Visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer) for services  
for children/ young people with SEND  
Find us on twitter [@HertsEPS](https://twitter.com/HertsEPS)



### V-SEND Training

A further 5 training sessions have been organised for schools that have not yet attended. V-SEND Training. Please see the dates and booking link below:

Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	1:00pm-2:30pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11:30am-1:00pm
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:30am-11:00am
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	2:30pm-4:00pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11:30am-1:00pm

**Booking Link:**

[Hertfordshire valuing SEND training - VSEND - Hertfordshire Grid for Learning \(the-grid.org.uk\)](https://the-grid.org.uk/vsend-training)

### Woodfield Outreach upcoming training

#### Social Stories, when and how to write them

**Please attend on the first session online and the 2nd session in person.**

**Part 1:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023, 2-3pm online

**You will need to have a go at writing a social story and email it in between the 2 sessions**

**Part 2:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, 1:30-3:30pm at Woodfield School

- Learn what a social story is and what it is not
- Increase your understanding of when a social story could be helpful
- Gain skills in writing social stories and how to develop them
- Be better equipped to support pupils through social stories

**Booking Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-stories-and-how-to-write-them-online-in-person-dacorum-prof-tickets-473427904607>

#### Great skills for Teaching and Learning Support Assistants Top Tips

##### **1 session in person**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023, 1:30-3:30pm at Woodfield School

- Develop understanding of 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

**Booking Link:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-skills-for-teaching-and-learning-assistants-1-session-dacorum-prof-tickets-473430081117>





## Support for Parents/Carers caring for a loved one with an Eating Disorder

Skills for Parent & Carers of Children with Eating Disorders

First Steps ED are offering 4 week 'Skills for Carers' workshops, they are full of practical tips, scenarios and case studies.

This series is designed to help carers develop self-reflective, care-giving skills to role model confidence, compassion and courage. The aim is to offer attendees the knowledge and ability to be an important part of supporting a loved one.

Sessions are delivered online (via Zoom) over 4 weeks and following the first session, the team will close the group to ensure that the parents and carers in attendance can develop a positive peer group through the entire four-week programme.

These courses are Free of Charge.

To self-refer, visit <https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343> or contact [info@firststepsed.co.uk](mailto:info@firststepsed.co.uk) for more information

## Local High Needs Funding Panel dates 2022-23

The dates below are for the next two upcoming LHNF panel for 2022-23 and application submission dates:

Day	Date	Time	Papers due
Wednesday	22/02/2023	10:00	01/02/2023
Thursday	23/03/2023	10:00	09/03/2023

**\*Please note\*** There are no panels in December or April

Please email password protected application forms to [dspl8lhnfpanel@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dspl8lhnfpanel@kls.herts.sch.uk)



## DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer: Spring 2023

The Spring Term events are now available on Eventbrite for booking via:

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

## DSPL8 Professionals Training Offer 2022-23

Please find below the dates and times for training available to DSPL8 Professionals for 2022-23

### Spring 2023 Term

Autism Lead Network meeting	07.03.2023	13:00-14:30	Online
Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing (pastoral) Leads network	01.03.2023	13:30-15:00	Online*
Secondary Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour	02.02.2023	15:30-17:00	The Haven, DESC
Herts for Learning SEND Briefing	16.03.2023	09:00-13:00	Grovehill/Woodhall Farm Adventure Playground
SENCo Cluster Network: Hemel Hempstead 1	24.01.2023	13:15-14:45	Gade Community Room, Chaulden Junior School
SENCo Cluster Network: Hemel Hempstead 2	02.02.2023	09:15-10:45	Hobbs Hill Wood School
SENCo Cluster Network: Berkhamsted	25.01.2023	13:15-14:45	Thomas Coram CE School
SENCo Cluster Network: Tring	08.02.2023	13:00-14:30	Tring School
SENCo Cluster Network: Secondary	09.02.2023	09:15-10:45	Longdean school
Woodfield Outreach Training: Using Visual Supports	11.01.2023 & 18.01.2023	13:30-15:00 13:30-15:30	Virtual—Zoom/Teams Woodfield School
Understanding & Using Zones of Regulation	25.01.2023 & 01.02.2023	13:30-15:00 13:30-15:00	Virtual—Zoom/Teams Virtual—Zoom/Teams
Social Stories and how to write them	08.02.2023 & 22.02.2023	14:00-15:00 13:30-15:30	Virtual—Zoom/Teams Woodfield School
Great skills for Teaching & Learning Assistants	01.03.2023	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School
Supporting Anxious CYP	8&15.03.2023	14:00-15:00	Virtual—Zoom/Teams
Positive Behaviour Support for TA's	22.03.2023	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School
Supporting Independent Learning—Primary SEND	29.03.2023	13:30-15:30	Woodfield School

#### 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: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)**

#### 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.**

#### Secondary Emotional Wellbeing & Behaviour Forum (pastoral) Leads network

The Emotional Wellbeing & 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: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)**

#### 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: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)**

#### 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: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)**

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)

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

**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](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).

