

DSPL8 Parents/Carers Newsletter End of 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Below you will find a quick description of each page with some contact information and some booking links, but for all the important information head to each page.

<u>TOPIC</u>	BOOKING/INFORMATION		
BeeZee Youth	FREE 8-week health and wellbeing programme to		
	help young people to open up and talk about topics		
	that matter most to them. To sign up:		
	Email: <u>bzbinfo@maximusuk.co.uk</u>		
	Phone: 01707 248 648		
BeeZee Families	FREE healthy lifestyle support for families in		
	Hertfordshire, it is a 12 week in-person and online		
	programmes starting 19 th January 2026. To sign up:		
	Email: <u>bzbinfo@maximusuk.co.uk</u>		
	Phone: 01707 248 648		
Henry: Healthy Start, Brighter	FREE healthy families programme for Hertfordshire		
future	families, in person and online these 8 week		
	programme runs without a break. There are free		
	creche facilities availble for the in-person sessions.		
	Find out more:		
	Phone: 01707 842 648		
	Email: <u>hertforshire@henry.org.uk</u>		
	www.henry.org.uk/hertfordshire		
Bounce Forward: Anxiety	January course is booking now for a 3 session online		
Unravelled	course for parents. 60-minute sessions to explore		
	anxiety. The sessions will provide a space to think		
	about parents own responses and provide practical		
	tips and advice that they can use at home to help		
	your children develop their resilience to anxiety. To		
	book a place: <u>Click here!</u>		
Potential Kids	There is a timetable of all January events, as well as		
	flyers for their 'Connect@The Zone' Sessions.		
	For more information email: info@potentialkids.org		
	To book any activities:		
	www.potentialkids.org.uk/events		
Families in Focus	FIF offer a range of courses and workshops for		
	parents to children with Autism & ADHD, they have		
	new courses starting in January. To book please		
	email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk		
Angels Christmas Prize Draw 2025	Enter the prize draw by clicking the link below, list of		
	prizes can be found on page 8:		
	Enter the Prize draw		















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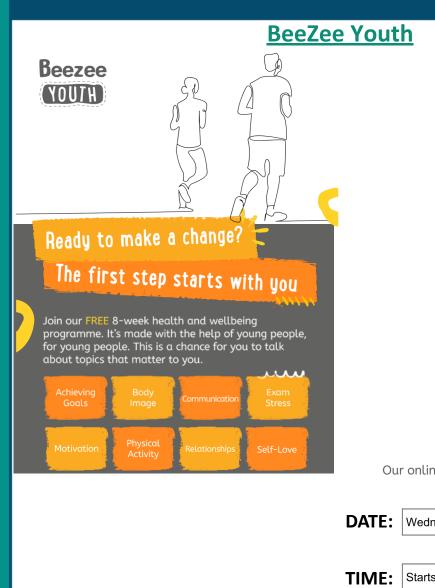
TOPIC	BOOKING/INFORMATION		
Assessment for Autism and/or ADHD	A link to a website that will show you the process for all new referrals for children and young people aged 5 - 15 with a GP in Hertfordshire: Assessment for Autism and/or ADHD		
Hertfordshire Local Offer	Letting parents and young people know what special educational needs services are available. Go direct to the website below: Hertfordshire Local Offer		
Supporting Links	They offer FREE courses and workshop to Parents and Carers in Hertfordshire. On page 10 it shows what is coming up in the new year, for more information: Email: bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk Phone: bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html		
SPACE	SPACE are there to support children, families and schools. There have a wide range of services available, please go to page 11 for more details or visit: www.spaceherts.org.uk		
My Hertfordshire Healthcare	My Hertfordshire Healthcare Passport is		
Passport	for all your child's needs including; physical health, access requirements, emotional wellbeing, communication and extra support. To find out more and download your own copy click the link below: Hertfordshire Healthcare Passport		
CAP Money Coaching Course	From 28th January to 11th February Wednesday evenings @ Liberty Tea Rooms. A FREE course designed to empower you with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage your finances. For more information contact Sharon on 07952 510118 or email capmoneycoaching@libertytearooms.co.uk		
Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops	Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop please click this link: Children's Wellbeing Practitioners		











Our online group sessions start on:

Wednesday 28th Jan 26 & weekly after

Starts at 6pm and ends at 7pm















BeeZee Families

Beezee FAMILIES FREE Healthy Lifestyle support for families in Hertfordshire

Our FREE 12 week in-person and online programmes start on week commencing 19th January 2026



Henry: Healthy Start, Brighter future





















Bounce Forward: Anxiety Unravelled



A three-session online course for parents

The world around us can generate plenty of uncertainty and affect the way we go about our daily lives.

You may be more worried than usual or perhaps you are in the midst of a growing cycle of worry and concern that you'd like to unravel. **You are not on your own.**



"Learning about the strategies to help us deal with anxiety was particularly useful and I am using these to help manage my own anxiety as well as my son's."

Join us for a series of three 60-minute sessions to explore anxiety.

The sessions will provide a space to think about your own responses and provide practical tips and advice that you can use at home to help your children develop their resilience to anxiety.

Click here to register

Find out more \rightarrow

Potential Kids

POT=NTIAL For Neurodivergent Children, Young People Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

JANUARY2026 ACTIVITIES



Dat	e	Sessions	Time	Venue
6th	Tue	Connect Primary age	4.30- 6.00	The Zone@The Galleria
8th,15th 22 nd ,29th	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30- 12.00	The Zone @ The Galleria
9th,16th 23rd,30th	Fri	Early Years Stay & Play	10.30- 12.00	The Zone@The Galleria
9th,16th 23rd,30th	Fri	Parent /Carer Wellbeing	12.30- 2.00	The Zone@The Galleria
10th,31st	Sat	Family Football	4.00- 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre
12th	Mon	Dungeons & Dragons (Full)	12.30- 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
твс	Tue	Roller Skating	твс	Roller City WGC
15th	Thur	Trampolining Age 5+	530- 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre
16th	Fri	Youth Group 16 Plus	6.30- 8.00	The Hub@The Galleria
22nd	Thur	Connect Secondary Age	5.00- 6.30	The Zone@The Galleria
24th	Sat	Basketball/Archery	4.00- 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre
29th	Thur	Trampolining Age 5+	5.30- 6.30	Gosling Sports Centre
твс	Fri	Skateboarding Age 9+	5.30- 6.30	Pioneer Club St Albans
31st	Sat	Potential Tracks Train Club 10+	12.00- 2.00	The Hub@The Galleria

To book visit: potentialkids.org.uk/events For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org

the galleria







CONNECT @THE ZONE An opportunity to connect with others, build confidence, make friends in an inclusive, safe, environment. Cost - Free Monthly - Tuesday Age 5+ Monthly - Thursday Age 11+ Time -4.30 - 6pm

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For Neurodivergent Children, Young People

Their Siblings and Parents/Carers

Unit 55 The Galleria **Comet Way** Hatfield, AL10 0XR

Booking Via our website- potentialkids.org.uk/events

For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org Potential Kids Limited Registered in England and Wales Company No. 10912345. Registered Charity No. 1182917















Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk



Families in Focus



A complete guide to parenting children with Autism & ADHD

(inclusive of those on assessment pathways) Our free evidence-based, online, interactive courses for Hertfordshire parents of children aged 2 to 11 years will:

Increase understanding of Autism, ADHD, Sensory needs and children's behaviours.

Also included, how to understand and support siblings, understanding EHCP's, and up to date information on local service's and how to access them.

We provide tried and tested strategies to increase understanding for a calmer and happier family life. Wednesdays

9.30am to 11.30am or 6.30pm to 8.30pm January 7th 14th 21st 28th & February 4th 11th 25th &

Email Francine & Lesley: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

March 4th 11th





Families in Focus award winning online, interactive courses are free for parents living in Hertfordshire

Handling anger in your family

an online course for parents of primary aged children with no SEN needs

Increase understanding of why children react with anger and learn tried and tested techniques to support children to deescalate and change reactions to trigger situations to bring harmony and calm for the whole family.

Monday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm January 5th 12th 19th 26th & February 2nd 9th

> **Email Francine & Lesley:** bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk





Handling anger of children with **Autism & ADHD**

(and those on assessment pathways)

Our free evidence based online, interactive course for Hertfordshire parents of children aged 4 to 11 helps parents to increase understanding of Autism, ADHD, Sensory needs and increasing children's emotional regulation.

We provide tried & tested strategies for a calmer and happier family life or all.

> Tuesday 9.30-11.30 or 12.30pm to 2pm or 6.30pm to 8.30pm

January 6th 13th 20th 27th & February 3rd 10th

Email Francine and Lesley today: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



















Angels Christmas Prize Draw 2025



Enter the Prize draw

The amazing prizes this year are:

- Anglian Country Inns £100 Voucher
- · A helping hoof 1 hour session
- Sensory Magic 2 x Sensory Bags
- Emotional Support Plushie
- The Cove Spa, Hitchin 30 min treatment
- The Cock Hitchin 3 course meal for 2
- Ardeley Church Farm Family Day Pass
- · Teamworks Karting, Letchworth 4 laser tag vouchers
- Knebworth House entry for four
- M&S Indulge Hamper worth £75
- · Angel by Mugler Perfume 50ml
- The Secret Truffletier
- £50 Voucher for Balloon Stack
- · Sainsbury's £150 Gift Voucher
- M&S £100 Voucher
- Tesco £100 Voucher















Assessment for Autism and/or ADHD

If you want to request an assessment for autism and/or ADHD for your child, this must be done by your GP or other health professional.

The link below is to a website that will show you the process for all new referrals for children and young people aged 5 - 15 with a GP in Hertfordshire.

Getting a referral for a child or young person's autism and/ or ADHD assessment

Hertfordshire Local Offer















Supporting Links

Parent & Carer Support

Spring Term 2026



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, covering:

The Teen Brain: physical and emotional

- changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- . The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings · How to maintain your relationship with
- good communication. Understand risk taking behaviour
- around drugs, alcohol and gang culture. How to negotiate and reduce conflict.

Online Course: ID 804

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 4th Feb to 18th Mar St Albans, AL1 2LE

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 5th Feb to 19th Mar

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged [1519], supporting you to:
Understand why children & adults get angry.
Develop strategies to handle anger in

- yourself and others within your family. Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Online Course: ID 805

TALKING ADDITIONAL

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children 219, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work. Reduce conflict.
 Improve emotional regulation.

- Explore sensory needs.
 Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.

BITESIZE

How Do I Get My Child To Eat Better?

What Is Going On In My Teenager's Head?

hu 15th Jan 2026, 7-8p

4on 19th Jan 2026, 7-

Thu 29th Jan 2026, 7-8pm

How Can My Child Learn To Manage Their Feelings?

How Do I Talk To My

Wed 25th Mar 2026, 7-8p

info@supportinglinks.co.uk www.supportinglinks.co.uk

WORKSHOPS

Answering common parenting questions in

short, practical, interactive online workshops FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire



6th Jan to 10th Feb Online Course ID 797

Tuesdays 9.45 - 11.15am 3rd Feb to 17th Mar

No matter how restrictive your child's diet is, there are things you can do to help

How & why adolescent development affects teen behaviou

Improve communication by encouraging your child to listen to you and talk to you

eaching emotional regulation

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Parent & Carer Support Supporting Links



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Online Course ID 799

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am 5th Feb to 19th Mar Online Course ID 798

Thursdays 8.00 - 9.30pm 5th Feb to 19th Mar

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Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm 7th Jan to 11th Feb

Online Course: ID 806

Mondays 7.45 - 9.15pm

2nd Feb to 16th Mar Online Course: ID 807

Online Course ID 801

Online Course ID 800

in FAMILIES

TALKING ASD & ADHD Workshops Spring 2026

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

tion taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any ac needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request

Workshops are FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire of children aged 2-25yrs with suspected or diagnosed Autistic Spectrum Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

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RESPONDING to ANGER



TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 sharing tips on:

Managing challenging behaviour with

Encouraging positive behaviour.

Building your child's self-esteem.

Developing a strong parent/child

relationship now and for the future.

TALKING ANXIETY

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children 312, supporting you to: Understand why young people and

Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family. Recognise the early signs of anxiety.

Setting and maintaining boundaries. Responding to tantrums and difficult

consistency.

feelings in children.

adults get anxious.

· Improved listening and

communication skills.

now and for the future. Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.

How to enforce boundaries.

Being the dad, you want to be

Reduce stress and tension.

Encourage resilient behaviour. TALKING DADS 6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers

of children [59], sharing information on:

A healthy dad-child relationship

- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
 How to spot the signs early.
 Our own and our children's triggers.
 Techniques that stop angry and aggress whethaviour escalating and when to use the
- How to respond to our child in meltdor ourselves, our child and siblings safe.

Thursday 22nd January, 7.30-9.15pm Workshop \$L809 book via Eventbrite:

STRUGGLES

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- What to do when your children flight or argue Dealing with jealousy and unfairness. Recognising the pressures on siblings. Develop a network of support. Helping your children to communicate with each other without conflict.

Managing your own difficult feelings and helping your children to manage theirs. Tuesday 24th February, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL811 book via Eventbrite

THE TEENAGE

- **YEARS**

- Help teens develop independence skills Monday 26th January, 7.30-9.15pm

Workshop SL808 book via Eve

TECH USE



- Teach children how to manage their tech use, stay safe online and switch off. Improve communication and reduce conflict.
- Tuesday 24th March, 9.30-11.15am

Workshop SL810 book via Eventbrite





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Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk





SPACE

Services at SPACE

Supporting children, families and schools

Every child deserves to be understood and supported so they can thrive. Our services are designed to help families and schools gain a clear picture of a child's needs and to put the right support in place. We work with young people across a wide range of strengths and difficulties, offering a warm, professional and approachable service.

What we offer

Assessments and consultations for Families

We provide a comprehensive range of assessments and consultation sessions to help identify a child's learning, developmental or emotional needs. Our services include

- Educational Psychologist consultation
- Dyslexia screenings
- Dyslexia assessments
- Occupational Therapy assessments
- QbChecks for ADHD
- Counselling and therapeutic support for young people and families

All of our practitioners are fully qualified, highly experienced and committed to delivering child-centred, evidence-based support. We aim to give families clear guidance, practical next steps and reassurance during what can often feel like an overwhelming process.

Services for Schools

We provide a comprehensive range of assessments and consultation sessions to help identify a child's learning, developmental or emotional needs. Our services include:

- · Staff consultations and problem-solving meetings
- Classroom and playground observations
- Pupil education assessments
 SEN audits and reviews of provision
- Detailed SEN/Inclusion policy reports
- Bespoke training for teachers, LSAs, leaders and wider

All school packages are tailored to your setting's needs, ensuring you receive practical, relevant and sustainable support.



Why choose us?

Our team brings together experienced specialists who care deeply about making a difference. We combine professional expertise with a compassionate, family-centred approach. Whether you are a parent looking for guidance or a school seeking to strengthen your SEND provision, we are here to help you every step of the way.

Get in touch

For enquiries or to book a service, please contact:

services@spaceherts.org.uk

SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Alternative Provision

Children and young people areatthe heart of everything we do, every decision made - is made with you.



Putting your pupils at the centre of all decisions

At SPACE Hertfordshire we aim to provide a bespoke package of support tailored to each child or young person's individual needs. Our Specialist Alternative Provision team collaborates closely with schools and families to understand their needs and strengths. We adopt a flexible approach to designing a child centred plan with the aim that they achieve the best and consistent outcomes for them.



What to expect

If your child or young person is currently not attending school or facing challenges in their current environment, SPACE Hertfordshire is here to help. You will have the opportunity to speak with a member of our specialist Alternative Provision team so they can get to know the young person better and discuss the most suitable way forward - ensuring your pupil is involved at every step of the process.

Alternative Provision Services

- Tutoring for children with SEND
- Speech and Language Therapy
- . I-I Therapeutic and Therapy sessions
- . I-I activities
- . Individual Support (mentoring)

GSPACEHertfordshire

Other SPACE Services

- Family Support
- . Training
- . Lending SPACE
- . Community Events and Activities

For more information, please email: alternativeprovision@spaceherts.org.uk





spaceherts.org.uk/events



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



Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/dspldacorum



Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk





My Hertfordshire Healthcare Passport

Does your child have a complex health need, additional needs and/or a disability?

Is there anything we can do to make your visit or appointment easier?

My Hertfordshire **Healthcare Passport**

My Hertfordshire Healthcare Passport is for all your child's needs including:

- Physical health
- Access requirements Emotional wellbeing Communication
- Extra support





To find out more and to download a copy of My Healthcare Passport for your child, scan the QR code to the left or visit:

www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/resources/my-healthcare-passport-children/

Hard copies available at request. This record belongs to your family. Please keep it safe and bring it with you when needed. All patients in Hertfordshire and West Essex can use this Healthcare Passport. Whilst the trust logo shows who was responsible for created the passport, access to the passport is for everyone within the region.









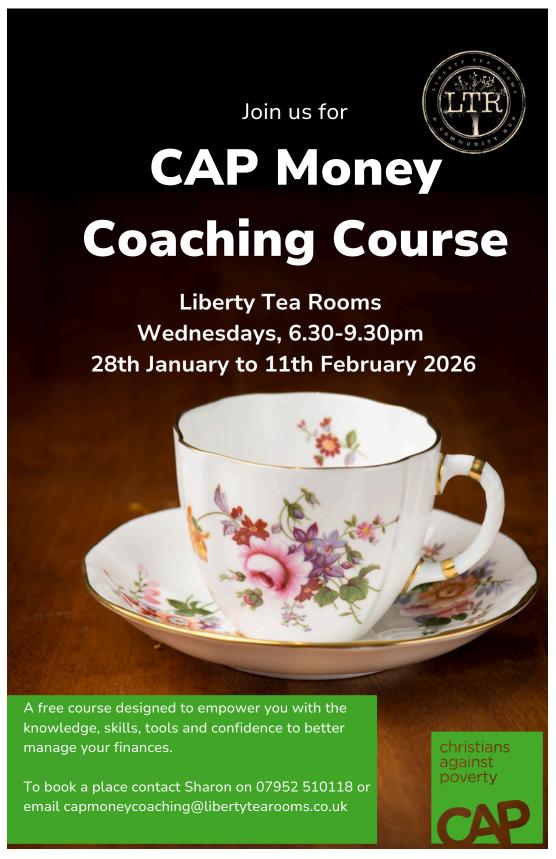




Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



CAP Money Coaching Course

















Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops



Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops January – March 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787



Workshop	Date&Time		
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Thursday 22ndJanuary 6-8 pm Thursday 12thMarch 6-8 pm		
Adolescent Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self- esteem and resilience and whatparents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 27th January 6-8 pm Tuesday 3rd March 6-8 pm		
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Tuesday 24 th February 10-12 pm		
Supporting withSleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can doto help.	Tuesday 3 rd February 6-8 pm		
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Thursday 8thJanuary 6-8 pm Tuesday 10th February 10-12 pm Tuesday 24thMarch 6-8 pm		
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeingand ability to emotionally regulate.	Tuesday 13thJanuary 10-12 pm Thursday 19thFebruary 6-8 pm Wednesday 18thMarch 10-12 am		

To access the recorded **Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar** please visit: https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/





















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