

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

Hertfordshire Space February Activities

Eventbrite booking link: SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Events | Eventbrite

FEBRUARY HALF TERM EVENTS

There's so much to do at SPACE, beat the rush & book tickets today

Monday 19 Feb 2024, 10:00-11:30 - Pottery Painting
Monday 19 Feb 2024, 15:00-16:00 - Doughnutting
Monday 19 Feb 2024, 16:00-17:00 - Doughnutting
Wednesday 21 Feb 2024, 10:30-12:30 - Winter Wildlife Walk
Wednesday 21 Feb 2024, 17:30-18:30 - Ranger Stu Virtual Zoo
Friday 23 Feb 2024, 15:00-16:00 - Doughnutting
Friday 23 Feb 2024, 16:00-17:00 - Doughnutting



Book tickets via the Eventbrite: SPACE Hertfordshire













For more information visit:

Nessie Public Booking Platform V2.0 (procfu.com)

WithYouth Online Groups



For further information visit:

https://buff.ly/48nUwWN















Diverse Families, Childrens Club

Email: <u>Diverse@Families22.co.uk</u>

Diverse Families, Children's Club.

A Monthly Saturday Club For Children With Special Need And/Or Disabilities.

Diverse Families founded by Z. & L. M was Collaborated with Colletts School, for reasons we are now potentially looking at finding a new location in Hemel and for the club to be held once every second or third Saturday in the month, for an hour and half. *Besides Arts & Crafts what sort of activities you like see in the club?

Our aim for Diverse Families is to provide a relaxing environment where families can be just themselves, socialise and not having to worry about being judged by other's simply for being different understandably it is a financially difficult time for all and we naturally want keep the costs down, not just for us but also for Families as well. * Between £1.00 and £5.00 how much would you be happy to pay per club session. (Cash payment on the day.)

Any Suggestions and Ideas are very welcome.

Each Diverse Families club session be advertised vi's Facebook on Space, Families in Focus and Dacorum Disabilities Support Group well as emails being sent out.

If any one is interested in please email us on Niverse@Families22.co.uk.

We have a lot to think about, our families is a mix of Special Needs and Disabilities so fully understand how hard it can be, especially with what limited support service there is out there.

Collaborated With

If we can we hope to bring back this Club and be wonderful meeting new families in similar boat to us. Age range looking at from 4 right up to 16.

Dacorum Disabilities Support Group. ♥ 🕹 🌼 😭 💗 >













Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshop: Spring 2024 Term

Eventbrite Booking link: HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events | Eventbrite

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops (January-March 2024)

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to 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 the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-school-nursingservice-hertfordshire-33494371787

Workshop	Date & Time		
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Thursday 25 th January 10am-12pm Monday 4 th March 6-8pm		
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Wednesday 10 th January 6-8pm Tuesday 19 th March 6-8pm		
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Thursday 8 th February 6-8pm		
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 13 th February 10-12pm		
Supporting your Child's Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their resilience.	Monday 15 th January 10-12pm Wednesday 27 th March 6-8pm		
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Tuesday 9 th January 6-8pm Friday 9 th February 10-12am Thursday 21 st March 6-8pm		
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Tuesday 23 rd January 10-12pm Monday 12 th February 6-8pm Monday 11 th March 10-12pm		
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	n/a		
Exam Stress A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing exam stress.	n/a		

To access the recorded Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar please visit: https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services-a-z/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-service/





















Supporting Links Talking Families course

Booking essential Please quote the course ID To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on: 07512 709556 bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

TALKING





Thursdays 9.45-11.15am course: ID 622 8th, 15th, 29th February & 7th, 14th 21st March 2024 NOW ONLINE!

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

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- · Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future

These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County

Hertfordshire Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

Groups are delivered by Zoom and are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'Every parent should do this course! It has taught me so much about how to deal with family life.'

Booking essential Please quote the course ID

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

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk www.supportinglinks.co.uk

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.



Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk



Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

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



Families Lives Courses

Spring 2024 groups and family lives workshops



Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 25 January to 7 March 9:30am - 11.30am via MS Team

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 30 January 12 March 7pm - 9pm
Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmen house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 7 Feb – 20 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free
online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments
and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

Getting on with your Pre Teen / Teen (6 weeks) Online group Tuesday 6 February 19 March 9.30am - 11.30am

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling help? Join our free online 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support th and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 6 February 19 March 7pm - 9pm

Are you a dod who feels you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a colmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

nxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Wednesday 17 January 7pm - 9pm
This workshop helps parents/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be
if they have ADHD, strategies to help support you and your child, plus signposting to other support
available.

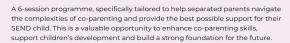
Reducing Conflict Workshops - Online Thursday 14 March 9.30 - 11.30 AND Wednesday 20 March 7pm - 9pm

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Parenting SEN children when separated online programme





Who should attend?

- Separated parents raising children with SEND.
- Parents seeking guidance, support, and strategies for co-parenting SEN children more consistently.
- Parents wanting to create a positive and supportive environment for their child's

Three courses will be delivered by MS

Teams, from 7pm to 9pm, over 6 sessions, on the following dates:

- Thursdays: 11, 18 & 25 January and 1, 8 & 15 February 2024
- Mondays: 29 January, 5, 12 & 26 February and 4 & 11 March 2024

Mondays & Wednesday: 29, 31 January & 5, 7, 12, 14 February 2024

For more information or to make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699



We build better family lives together

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This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment.

Who should attend?

- · Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child
- Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child.
- · Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child.



These 2 courses will be delivered by MS Teams, over 8 sessions, on the following dates/times:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 27th February to 21 March 2024, 7.00pm to 9.00pm
- Wednesdays & Saturdays from 28th February to 23 March 2024, (Wednesday 7.00pm to 9.00pm & Saturday 10am



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To book a place please click here for our online referral form:

Reducing Parental Conflict Parenting

or

For further information please call: 0204 522 8700 / 0204 522 8699

email services@familylives.org.uk



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Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



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Families in Focus February 2024 Courses

Email: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

"We were nervous of talking about our anger however Francine & Lesley welcomed us and did not judge us. It was such a relief to be in a well run group that felt so safe and we learned so much too."



Handling anger of primary aged children

Our award winning online course is funded by Hertfordshire CC Targeted Parenting Fund and is FREE for parents of children aged 4 to 11 years living in Hertfordshire.

Facilitated by founders Lesley and Francine, our transformational course will enable you to:

Monday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am Understand more about what triggers children's & parents anger

Explore children's common sleep issues and the effects on behaviour

Learn techniques to increase children's emotional regulation and decrease angry meltdowns

Meet other parents and share experiences

Learn techniques to manage stress, conflict and so much more....

Email Francine & Lesley to secure your free place:

bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk or

visit our website to see course information:

www.familiesinfocus.co.uk



February 26th

March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th





Funded by HCC Targeted Parenting Fund

Handling anger in your family

Facilitated by founders, Lesley and Francine, our course aims to help parents:

Our award winning six session course if funded by Hertfordshire CC Targeted Parenting Fund and is FREE for parents of children aged 4 to 11 years living in Hertfordshire.

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Wednesday evenings

7pm to 8.30pm

February 28th &





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Facebook: www.facebook.com/dspldacorum

Thursday mornings

9.30am to 11.30am

February 29th &

March 7th 14th 21st 28th



Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk



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







Angels Autism & ADHD Support

How to access our support





- Parents/carers need to complete an online membership form via the QR code on our leaflets/posters
- Members will be emailed weekly with details of the weekly support they can access.
- Members will be invited to join our closed FB Group
- All our support is FREE of charge and is for those with a diagnosis and awaiting diagnosis

















Angels Autism & ADHD Support

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Tue - via Zoom 10am-12noon	Wed - Letchworth 10am-12noon at The Pod, Northfields Infant and Nursery School, Burley, Letchworth SG6 4PT	Thu - Stevenage 10am-12noon at The Phoenix Group, 2-6 The Hyde, Shephall, Stevenage SG2 9SE	Thu - via Zoom 7.30pm- 8.30pm	Tue - via Zoom 10am-12noon	Wed - Letchworth 10am-12noon at The Pod, Northfields Infant and Nursery School, Burley, Letchworth SG6 4PT	Thu - Stevenage 10am-12noon at The Phoenix Group, 2-6 The Hyde, Shephall, Stevenage SG2 9SE	Thu - via Zoom 7.30pm- 8.30pm
9th Jan Q&A Education Issues: BHCP's, Graduated Response, Panels, Appeals, Mediation and Tribunals	10th Jan Meet Up and Chat In portnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team	11th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		27th Feb Workshop: PDA(Pathological Demand Avoidance)	28th Feb Meet Up and Chat In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team	29th Feb Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
16th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		18th Jan Meet Up and Chat	18th Jan Evening Parent/Carer Support Group	5th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		7th March Meet Up and Chat	7th March Evening Parent/Carer Support Group
23rd Jan Understanding and responding to your child's behaviour		25th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones		12th March Workshop: How to support your child's Sensory Needs		14th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	
30th Jan Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	31st Jan Meet Up and Chat In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team	1st Feb Meet Up and Chat		19th March Parent/Carer Support Group with Lorraine Jones	20th March Meet Up and Chat In partnership with the Letchworth Family Support Team	21st March Meet Up and Chat	
6th Feb Workshop: Emotionally		8th Feb Parent/Carer	8th Feb Evening Parent/Carer	26th March Workshop: What makes a		28th March Parent/Carer	28th March

Support Group

February Half Term

Easter Break









Support Group

www.angelssupportgroup.org.uk

Angels Podcasts Neurodiversity Chats





Episodes Available:

- 1. Surviving the Summer Holidays
- 2. Reasonable Adjustments
- 3. Meltdowns
- 4. Living with ADHD

Follow us on social media for updates:

- 5. Screen Time 6.Sensory Needs
- 7. SEN Support
- 8. What is an EHCP?
- 9. Living with ADHD part 2
- 10.Living with ADHD part 3 11. Accessing Healthcare
- 12. What makes a good EHCP 13. Social Care Levels Explained
- 14. Christmas for Autistic/ADHD kids
- 15. Direct Payments and short breaks
- 16. Visual Supports
- 17. PDA Pathological Demand Avoidance

A new episode is released each week please email: podcast@angelssupportgroup.org.uk to suggest topics







Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk











Family Centre Drop in Groups for Hertfordshire families (ages 0-5)



This Spring the Family Centres across Hertfordshire have lots of fun activities for families!

As the cost of living continues to rise, it helps that all the sessions are free and also drop-in. Run by professional, qualified staff in Early Years, our groups offer a wide range of activities for you and your children to enjoy and play together. They are an opportunity for you to meet other local families and get advice and support from the Family Centre team. As well as lots for under 5's to enjoy! Our regular groups include.

- Baby Group (babies to pre-walkers) drop in and meet other families with young babies in a supportive, stimulating and friendly environment. This session is for babies to play and for you to discover more about their development and support your own wellbeing as a new parent.
- Active Rhyme Time (Baby and Toddler) a fun session including active rhymes and songs for you and your baby and toddler. The groups are a great way to meet other families and develop your child's communication and physical skills.
- **Physical Fun** (18 months +) join the team for a fun, active session. A way to meet other families and enjoy lots of fun games and play opportunities to support your child with their physical development.
- Family Fun (18 months +) fun sessions with a wide range of activities for you and your children to play together, meet other local families and the Family Centre team. As well as lots for Under 5's to enjoy, there will be activities for siblings up to the age of 8.

These groups run at different venues across Hertfordshire and you can drop into any of them, there is no need to book*. Family Support staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have and if you need any extra help, they can point you in the right direction.

Find out details of sessions near you on our What's On page.

You'll also find details of special SEND groups such as 'SEND sensory play' and 'SEND chat and play' and 'SEND drop ins' (look in the timetable of events for your area).

*Please note that in Hertsmere, Physical Fun and Family Fun at 96 Shenley Road are bookable sessions.

















SignVideo for Deaf Residents (all ages)

Did you know about there is a SignVideo service which Deaf residents can use for free to contact teams in Hertfordshire County Council?

If you're a resident in Hertfordshire and want to use SignVideo, you will need to:

- Download the SignVideo app onto your smartphone
- Access the directory HCC is listed here
- This will allow you to contact HCC staff via a remote interpreter.

Find out more about SignVideo and download the app

Applications for supported internships with Mission EmployAble are open (ages 19-25)

Mission EmployAble is a charity based in Chorleywood which runs an 11-month supported internship programme for young people with an EHCP.

Interns do most of their training in Mission EmployAble's Café where they learn portable skills such as food, preparation, cleaning, using a till, teamwork and serving customers. On other days, they train, with support, in other workplaces such as a community garden, a food delivery charity, care homes, shops and pubs. They train as a group or in pairs, so make friends while they learn.

Places are available on their next supported internship programme which begins in September 2024, with initial interviews starting in February.

Full details are available on the Mission Employable website or by emailing training@missionemployable.co.uk

















Over The Rainbow SEN Support

Over The Rainbow are on the Hertfordshire County Council approved list of providers. Parents/Carers can request us as their tuition providers and it can also be self-funded.



Specialist support for children with additional needs - specialising in ASD, ADHD, PDA, School Anxiety (EBSA), Trauma, Children Looked After, Sensory Needs, Social Emotional

& Mental Health Needs

- Specialist Tutoring
- Therapeutic Mentoring
- Training for Schools
- Counselling using the Arts
- Parent Support
- Therapeutic Interventions



enquiries@overtherainbowcsf.co.uk



ww.overtherainbowcsf.co.uk















New Herts Haven Café for young people's emotional wellbeing opens in **Hemel Hempstead**



- No referrals, no judgements just an open door and a safe welcoming space to talk
 - Professional workers to support you with your wellbeing
- Practical help at your fingertips coping strategies, stress management techniques and more!
 - Emotional support tailored to your needs

T: 0208 189 8400 E: cyp@hertsmindnetwork.org W: www.withyouth.org

Click Here for more information: Herts Haven Cafés - WithYouth

The new Hemel Hempstead Café is open on:

The Quaker Meeting House, 1 The Alleys, St. Mary's Road, Thursday 3:30PM - 8PM

Hemel Hempstead, HP2 5ZB

The Quaker Meeting House, 1 The Alleys, St. Mary's Road, Saturday 12PM—5PM

Hemel Hempstead, HP2 5ZB













Neurodiversity Support Hub

Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not

limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism

- Distressed Behaviours

Anxiety

- School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a Parent, Carer Professional?



No Diagnosis

Required

Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists

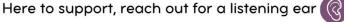
Recommend specific private assessors

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Open Monday-Friday

9 AM - 1PM































SEND Drop-in sessions



The BECC Family Centre, WD6 2FD, Monday 10:00 - 11:00 8th & 22nd January, 5th & 19th February, 4th & 18th March, 15th & 29th April

> Sopwell Family Centre, AL1 2LD, Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00 3rd Jan, 7th Feb, 6th March, 3rd April

Grovehill & Woodhall Farm Adventure Playground, HP2 7BA, Wednesday 11:00 - 12:00 3rd, 17th & 31st Jan, 14th & 28th Feb, 13th & 27th March, 10th & 24th April

> Beechfield Family Centre, WD24 5TY, Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 11th & 25th Jan, 8th & 22nd Feb, 7th & 21st March, 4th & 18th April





www.hertsfamilycentres.org



















SEND Drop-in sessions

Parent Support Group

Every Wednesday 9.00am – 12

(Term time only)

@ Woodfield Coffee Shop

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RL

Contact: <u>Gemma.Tuff@woodfield.herts.sch.uk</u>
Or: <u>Lauren,Lettis@woodfield.herts.sch.uk</u>
01442 253476

Would you like to chat, rant, or just let off steam over a cup?

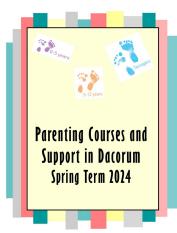


Whether your child is at mainstream school or a special school,
Diagnosed or undiagnosed, you are welcome to come along and meet
Other parents, talk to professionals, or simply drop in for a coffee and
Meet new friends who also have a child with special educational needs.

ALL WELCOME - JUST COME ALONG

Free tea, coffee and biscuits! Fancy something a bit more special? Our coffee shop accepts card payments or cash.

Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Spring Term 2024



FREE courses open to parents in Dacorum

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

Online resources for parents and carers | DSPL (dacorumdspl.org.uk)

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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