

Dear Parent/Carers,

In this DSPL8 Parent/Carers Newsletter please find the following:

<u>DSPL8 Courses &amp; Support</u>	<u>Booking Link/Website</u>
Emotional Based School Avoidance Online Coffee Morning 06.12.2022	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-based-school-avoidance-online-coffee-morning-dacorum-pc-only-tickets-460838890527">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-based-school-avoidance-online-coffee-morning-dacorum-pc-only-tickets-460838890527</a>

Please also view the most recent Dacorum Parent/Carers Courses and Support PDF for the following local updates, via:

<https://dacorumspl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Dacorum-ParentCarers-Courses-and-Support-Autumn-Term-16.11.2022.pdf>

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Potential Kids—November Activities	<a href="http://www.potentialkids.org/activities">www.potentialkids.org/activities</a>
Supporting Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing Workshops	<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>
Up On Downs End of Year Newsletter	<a href="https://upondowns.com/index.php/our-newsletters/">https://upondowns.com/index.php/our-newsletters/</a>
Supporting Links: Spring 2023 Term Parent / Carer Courses and Workshops	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/supporting-links-15053924960">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/supporting-links-15053924960</a>
SPACE Hertfordshire—November & December Workshops & Activities	<a href="http://spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk">spaceherts.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
Families In Focus Spring 2023 Term Courses	<a href="mailto:Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk">Bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk</a>

Both documents can be downloaded from our website, via the following link:

<http://www.dacorumspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

Kind Regards,

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



## Emotional Based School Avoidance Online Coffee Morning

Booking Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-based-school-avoidance-online-coffee-morning-dacorum-pc-only-tickets-460838890527>



### **Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA) Online Coffee Morning for Mums, Dads & Carers**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**10.30am- 12pm**

- Does your child's school avoidance affect you as a Parent/ Carer?
- Would you like a safe space to share your experiences with others?

Jo, Carina and Sahira our SEND School Family Workers will be hosting an informal online coffee morning for you to share experiences and support each other.



Booking is required and you will receive the online link directly from the SEND School Family Workers nearer the date.

**Booking Link - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-based-school-avoidance-online-coffee-morning-dacorum-pc-only-tickets-460838890527>**

Fully funded by DSPL8 for Dacorum families only.

## DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support Autumn 2022 Term

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

Dates for the Spring 2022 Term events will be available in the next newsletter.

### DSPL8 Parent/Carer Support 2022-23

Please find below the support available to parent/carers of a child with SEND who attends a school or resides in Dacorum

#### Autumn 2022 Term

<b>ADD-vance Mini Consultation</b> 	14.09.2022	10:00-11:30	<b>Online</b> (see booking link below)  You will receive an online meeting link directly from ADD-vance
	04.10.2022	10:00-11:30	
	10.11.2022	19:00-20:30	
	07.12.2022	10:00-11:30	
<b>SEND Surgeries</b> 	22.11.2022	09:30-12:30	<b>Online</b> (see booking link below)

#### ADD-vance Mini Consultation

**Free mini consultations for parent/carers in Dacorum. Facilitated by ADHD/Autism Specialist Coaches from ADD-vance.** DSPL 8 will be funding ½ hour individual sessions for parents of children with ADHD and/or Autism (diagnosed or suspected). This session will be with a trained ADD-vance coach to address one issue in your family life you would like advice or support on. The session will take place over Zoom. **Dates are released termly on Eventbrite. Book a 30 minute session at Eventbrite: [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com)**

#### SEND Surgeries

**Dacorum Family Services North & East:** are offering a 30 minute session with our SEND School Family Workers to answer questions and to offer support and signposting for parents/carers of children with additional needs. **To book, please go to [www.dspl8.eventbrite.com](http://www.dspl8.eventbrite.com) and choose a 30 minute session, providing details of the topic that you would like to cover. Dates are released termly on Eventbrite.**

**Gade support School Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership:** our Partnership has a specialist Family Support worker who works with families of children with SEND. We will support parents in school and with parents at home, will provide practical advice, guidance and support on all aspects of SEND. We offer SEND surgeries in our community offices and these can be booked by contacting your school and requesting support.

See the end of the document for a list of schools in each Partnership.

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



## Local School Partnership's

### Student and Family Support Services

### Gade Schools Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership



As part of the Partnership of Dacorum Schools Gade and Kings Langley Schools Family Support are able to provide families with a range of support services.

**Parent Support Services**—We have a team of Family Support workers who are available to work in school and with parents at home. Our support workers can work with families on any range of issues and will provide practical advice, guidance and support.

**Pupil Support Services**—Our Partnership has Pupil Support workers who are available to work with children in school to support them with their behaviour, emotional wellbeing and how to overcome difficulties they may be facing. Our workers offer support groups in school or will work with children on a one to one basis at school. If you feel your child needs support, please contact your school directly to request this support.

**SEND Support**—Our Partnership has a specialist Family Support worker who works with families of children with SEND. We will support parents in school and with parents at home, will provide practical advice, guidance and support on all aspects of SEND. We offer SEND surgeries in our community offices and these can be booked by contacting your school and requesting support.

**Parent Courses and Workshops** – We will regularly host a range of courses and workshops for families on a range of different themes including managing challenging behaviour, managing teens, transition to secondary school, developing confidence and self-esteem and a range of other themes.

**Parent Surgeries** – As a Service we host a range of one to one advice surgeries on Housing Advice, Debt Management Advice, Autism Support and Advice, SEND Support and Advice. Various dates are available and are published on our web site [www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk](http://www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk)

**Schools can refer families to our Services however families can refer directly if they would like to speak with a member of staff directly and in confidence please contact the Partnership Office on 01442 278793.**

Our Service is only able to work with Parents who have children in one of our Partnership Schools. Schools in our Partnership are:

**Kings Langley Partnership:** Kings Langley Secondary, Kings Langley Primary, Sarratt Primary, St Pauls School, Chipperfield, Bovingdon Primary Academy, Nash Mills Primary, Bedmond Village Primary

**Gade Schools Family Support:** John F Kennedy, Hemel Hempstead School, The Cavendish School, Chaulden Infants and Junior Schools, Boxmoor Primary, St Roses Infants, Micklem Primary, Galley Hill Primary, South Hill Primary, George Street School, Gade Valley School, St Cuthbert Mayne, Two Waters Primary, Pixies Hill Primary, Heath Lane Nursery, The Collett School

[www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk](http://www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk)

Partnership Office: 01442 278793



## Dacorum Family Services North & East



### What we offer

- 1-2-1 sessions with our family workers
- Home visits
- Surgeries at your local school/virtual
- SEND Surgeries at your local school/virtual
- Subject specific online workshops
- Parenting advice and courses
- Help to access local services
- Signposting to counselling & wellbeing services
- Signposting to adult learning and development
- Positive activities for children, young people and their families
- 1-2-1 support for children and young people
- Domestic abuse support
- Family breakdown support
- Debt advice & signposting
- Specialist SEND support
- Wellbeing advice for children and young people

**Free,  
Confidential  
Advice and  
Support  
Service for Local  
Families**

### School Family Worker

A personal and confidential service that addresses any needs or concerns raised by the family or school



### SEND School Family Worker

Specialist support for higher need SEND families



### Pupil Support Worker

Specialist support for pupils to address an identified concern highlighted by the school or family. 1-2-1 and group work specific programmes



### DFS North & East Partnership Schools

St Albert the Great, \*Adeyfield, Aldbury, Ashlyns, Astley Cooper, \*Aycliffe Drive, Belswains, \*Brockwood, Chambersbury, Bishop Wood, Bridgewater, Broadfield, DESC, Dundale, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Goldfield, Great Gaddesden, Greenway, Grove Road, Hammond, Haywood Grove, Hobbs Hill Wood, Hobeletts Manor Infant, Hobeletts Manor Junior, Holtsmere End Infants, Holtsmere End Junior, Jupiter, Leverstock Green, Lime Walk, \*Longdean, Little Gaddesden, Long Marston, Maple Grove, Markyate, Potten End, Reddings, Roman Fields, St Bartholomews, St Mary's, St Thomas More, Swing Gate, The Thomas Coram, Tring, Tudor, Victoria, Westfield, Woodfield, Yewtree

\*Signposting service only

**Dacorum Family Services North & East**  
**Office: 01442 401222 Ext 5**  
**[www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk](http://www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk)**  
**Term Time only**



## Carers in Hertfordshire

### *Making Carers Count*

#### **About Us**

Carers in Hertfordshire is the leading countywide charity for unpaid carers looking after a partner, relative, friend or neighbour due to illness, frailty, mental health needs, disability or substance misuse.

We support all carers - children and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire, and bereaved carers for three years after the death of the person they cared for.

Carers do not have to live with the person they are looking after to receive help and advice.

For more information about our services or how you can support our work, see the contact details below.

#### **Join the online conversation!**

Find us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/carersinherts](http://www.facebook.com/carersinherts)

Twitter @CarersinHerts and LinkedIn

[www.linkedin.com/company/carers-in-hertfordshire](http://www.linkedin.com/company/carers-in-hertfordshire) and our Carers in Hertfordshire YouTube Channel



## **To contact Carers in Hertfordshire**

**Write to:** Carers in Hertfordshire, The Red House,  
119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX.

**Call:** 01992 58 69 69

**Email:** [contact@carersinherts.org.uk](mailto:contact@carersinherts.org.uk)

**Visit:** [www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk)



## ISL SEND Duty Lines & SEND advice lines for Parents/Carers

ISL St Albans and Dacorum Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm [STADAC.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:STADAC.ISLTEAM@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)

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/education-support/get-help-to-access-learning/education-support-for-medical-absence.aspx>

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)





## SUPPORT



**ADD-vance Helpdesk** is open from 9am to 1pm every weekday via 01727 833963 or email to [herts@add-vance.org](mailto:herts@add-vance.org) Website - [www.add-vance.org](http://www.add-vance.org) Facebook – [www.add-vance.org/parents/](http://www.add-vance.org/parents/)



**Hertfordshire Local Offer** The Local offer lets parents and young people know what special education needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire and who can access them. <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx>



**Herts Help** a network of community organisations in Hertfordshire working together. We're here to listen and help you find independent support, guidance and information you need to get the most out of life. Call us on **0300 123 4044** or email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net)



**Hertfordshire SENDIASS** is an impartial Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). Contact SENDIASS on: [sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk) or 01992 555 847



**Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND)** voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. By joining the register, you can get discounts at places around the county (and beyond). Contact via: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/hertfordshire-additional-needs-database.aspx> or email [hand@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hand@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



**Families First** Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx>



**Benefit entitlement** - If you care for a child or young person with a disability or if you have a disability yourself, you may be able to claim a range of benefits including Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance. For more information on available benefits and entitlement go to:

<https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/financial-support>



**Carers in Hertfordshire** provides advice, information and support to unpaid carers.

Website - [www.carersinherts.org.uk](http://www.carersinherts.org.uk) Telephone – 01992 586969 (9am-5:30pm Mon-Thurs & 9am-4:30pm Fri)



**Hertfordshire Mind** - If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and would like someone to talk to, you can call our **Crisis Helpline**. Available to provide emotional support 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To contact the helpline please call us on **01923 256391**.





**Hertfordshire Wellbeing Service** offers free, confidential talking therapy and practical support for people 16+ experiencing a wide range of common emotional difficulties such as, anxiety, worry, low mood, depression and stress. <http://talkwellbeing.co.uk/>



**Healthy Young Minds in Herts** - Wellbeing advice and tools for young people, parents and carers. <https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>



**Just Talk Herts** – Mental Health support and advice for young people. [www.justtalkherts.org](http://www.justtalkherts.org)



**Family Lives** – Parenting and Family support Helpline 0808 800 2222



**Foodbanks** - <https://dacorum.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>



**Health Coronavirus** - <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>  
**Self-Isolating Guidance** - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>  
**Domestic Abuse Help** - [www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help)



**Hertfordshire County Council Children's Services** - 0300 123 4043



**Samaritans** - 116 123



**ChildLine** - 0800 1111



**Herts Parent Carer Involvement HPCI** – Independent parent carer led organisation which aims to improve services for children and young people who have SEND – 07840 360 245  
<https://www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk/>