

Welcome

Welcome to the new look DSPL Dacorum Newsletter for parents and carers. We hope that it will give you a sense of what's going on with DSPL and special educational needs in Dacorum, and also let you know how you can get involved or be supported.

DSPL Dacorum Team

Paula Harris is the Lead Head for DSPL Dacorum, and is also head teacher of Kings Langley Primary School.

Maria Oliver has been in post since July 2014 as the Dacorum Schools' Partnership Manager, and is responsible for co-ordinating Dacorum's DSPL work and ensuring we meet County requirements.

Jan Nethercoat has been in post as DSPL Administrator since January 2014.

Please contact us – we are always happy to hear from you.

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ADD-vance Workshops for parents/carers

DSPL Dacorum is working with ADD-vance to facilitate a series of **free** parent training workshops that will run in conjunction with training for teachers and other school staff. The dates of the workshops are:

Thursday 15 January 9.30-1.30 pm or Thursday 12 February 6.00-9.00 pm at Hobbs Hill wood Primary School, Hemel Hempstead **or**

Tuesday 13 January 9.30-1.30 pm or Tuesday 10 February 6.00-9.00 pm at Goldfield Infants' and Nursery School, Tring

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jan Nethercoat, DSPL Administrator and we will check to see if your school is taking part. If you're interested in any other training opportunities please contact us to be added to our mailing list.



Parent Support Group and Advice

Do you have a child with additional needs? Need somebody to talk to?

Come and meet other parents for a coffee and a chat. Young children welcome
When: Every Wednesday 10.30 am to 12 noon (term time only)

Where: The Lodge, Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP3 8RL

Contact: vanessa.gregory@woodfield.herts.sch.uk or Tel: 01442 253476

HELP!
Autism



**For Professionals, School Staff or Parents/Carers of a child with additional needs
Need some advice? Want to ask about specialist resources?**

When: Every Wednesday (term time only) 4.00-5.00 pm.

Where: Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP3 8RL

No matter what your concern, talk it through with qualified and experienced staff. First hour consultation free, further charges given upon request.

Tel: 01442 253476



The SEND Reforms and my Family

HCC, in partnership with HPCI, is running free one day sessions for parents and carers that will explain what the new reforms to

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision mean for families in Hertfordshire and provide the opportunity to ask questions. All sessions take place 10:00 am – 2:00pm and a light lunch will be provided. For details of the next sessions and to book online visit www.inspireanddo.org. If you **do not** have internet access you can book by ringing HPCI on 07840 360245. *For more information contact your school or other educational setting, the organisations listed below or your local School Family Worker.*



Useful Contacts

School Family Worker Teams in Dacorum

Gade Schools Family Support - covering Old Town, Chaulden, Warners End and Gadebridge, Boxmoor & Apsley. Contact: Gade Schools Family Support 01442 278792

Link Family Services - covering Adeyfield, Highfield, Grove Hill, Woodhall Farm. Contact: Lisa Britton, Family Services Manager 01442 230768

Dacorum Family Services - covering Bennetts End, Leverstock Green, Corner Hall, Tring & villages, Berkhamsted & villages. Contact: Mike Short, Family Services Manager 07780008651

Kings Langley Partnership of Schools - covering Kings Langley, Nash Mills, Bovingdon, Chipperfield, Sarratt and Bedmond. Contact: Rosemary Inskipp, Manager 01923 271744

Herts Parent Partnership Service www.parentpartnership.org.uk

Offers a personalised, confidential service to help you understand how special educational needs are assessed and managed. Tel: 01442 217143
Helena Marks

The KIDS East and West HUBs www.kids.org.uk/hub 01923 676549

The KIDS HUB offers information and support for parents and carers of disabled children / children with additional needs.



DSPL - How can I get involved?

There are a number of ways in which parents can get involved in services. Herts Parent Carer Involvement is a forum for parents to get more involved in the shaping and improving of services for children with additional needs. If you would like to get more involved with how special needs are catered for in your area you can contact your local network at dacorum@hertsparentcarers.org.uk or visit www.hertsparentcarers.org.uk.

Calling all Parents - would you like to be more involved with Dacorum DSPL? Do you have 2 hours free once every half term to attend the DSPL Board meetings (daytime at Kings Langley Secondary School). Your views and input will help to identify priorities for Dacorum that will help shape the future provision and services in the area. If you are interested in taking a more active role, please contact Maria Oliver, Schools' Partnership Manager on Tel: 07711556792 or oliverm05@kingslangley.herts.sch.uk.



Dacorum DSPL - Your contacts

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