

Support for Children with Additional Needs

Supporting Families and Children with SEND

DSPL | Developing Special Provision Locally
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Dacorum

Delivering Special Provision Locally is a Hertfordshire-wide initiative, working to improve the range of provision and support services available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, aged 0-25. For more information about support and services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Contact: Dacorum DSPL 07525 917125 or visit www.dacorumspl.org.uk

Gambado Party

Date: 2nd Friday of the month

Time: 6.45pm–8.15pm

What's it about? For children with Autism and their Families.

Venue: Woodside Leisure Park, Watford WD25 7JZ

Cost: £5.00 per child will allow full use of facilities and games

For more information contact: 0330 555 1415

DJs Play Park

Date: 3rd Saturday of the month

Time: 9.00am–10.00am

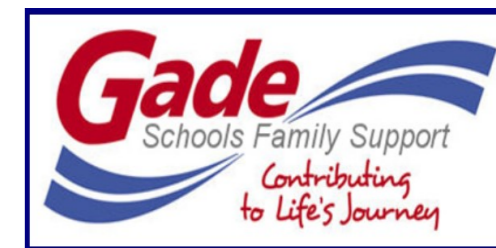
What's it about? For children with special educational needs.

Venue: Jarman Square, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4JS

For more information contact: 01442 232580



Kings Langley Partnership of Schools
Working Together to Prepare our Children for the Challenges of Tomorrow



Parent Support Services



Parent Information, Courses & Workshops *Autumn 2018*

Gade Schools Family Support & Kings Langley Student and Family Services Team

Gade Schools Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership work together with our Partnership of schools and other agencies. We aim to provide a broader range of activities to benefit your child's opportunity to develop, live and learn but also to support families and the wider community as well.

Working with the Schools within this Partnership we are fortunate to be able to provide a wide range of activities within the local area already. More importantly however, by working together we will be able to share resources and facilities and offer a wider range of activities to all the children and their families within our communities.

Parent Support Provision

Our Parent Support Programme is now an integral part of the work that our Schools Partnership provides offering access to a wide range of support for both parents and carers. The Gade Schools Partnership team can provide a range of Family and Parent Support services who can support with any concerns a family may be facing with their child at home or at school. Issues may be varied, for example :

- ◆ Changing Schools (transition phase)
- ◆ General routines (bedtime, eating etc.)
- ◆ Issues with friendships
- ◆ Bullying
- ◆ Managing challenging behaviour
- ◆ Temperamental teenagers
- ◆ Communicating with your child
- ◆ Issues with smoking, drugs or alcohol
- ◆ Loss or bereavement
- ◆ Financial Concerns
- ◆ Housing Concerns
- ◆ Family breakdowns
- ◆ Internet Safety
- ◆ Finding time for yourselves
- ◆ Helping with my child's learning
- ◆ Being in an abusive relationship

Support can be provided in the form of support groups, one to one support and advice, signposting to specialist agencies or help or purely someone with whom families can share concerns they may be facing and discuss what options they may be facing.

Please do not hesitate to contact either of the services on 01442 278793 or 01923 264504 for further information.

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Hertfordshire SEND Information, Advice, Support Service (SENDIASS)

SENDIASS is an impartial information, advice and support service for parents, carers and young people (0-25). As a service they can support with a range of topics including information regarding the local offer, local policy and SEN/ disability law, advice for parent/carers, children and young people on gathering, understanding and interpreting information and applying it to their own situation, information on the local authority's processes for resolving disagreements, they will support with individual cases where needed including support in attending meetings, contributing to assessments and reviews and participating in decisions about outcomes for the child or young person., finally they can provide support for parents and young people in managing mediation and appeals to the SEND Tribunal
For more information contact 01992 555847 or sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Mini Drop-in Consultations for Parents/Carers of children with Autism & ADHD

Wednesday 12th September & 12th December 9.30am—11.30am—Greenway Primary School, Berkhamsted

Thursday 11th October 9.30am—11.30am—Dundale Primary School, Tring

Monday 12th November 7.00pm—9.00pm—Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School

Parent Support Group

Do you have a child with additional needs? Do you need someone to talk to? Come and meet other parents to share experiences. Young children welcome.

Venue: Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, HP3 8RL

Date: Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00noon

For more information contact: 01442 253476

KIDS HUB

This is an information and support service for parents and carers of disabled children/children with additional needs. They offer free, impartial support via phone, email or in person and can help with a range of support including helping find activities, information about benefits, support at meetings about your child, support with completing forms and letters, signposting to specialist services, information about Hertfordshire's Short Breaks Local Offer and keeping families updated with relevant information.

Venue: KIDS West HUB, Albanwood, Newhouse Crescent, Watford, WD25 7HX

For more information contact: 01923 676549, email hub.herts@kids.org.uk or www.kids.org.uk/hub

SEND Parenting Courses and Workshops

Parent Network run by Families in Focus

Dates: Monday 15th October, 12th November & 3rd December 2018

Times: 9.30am—11.30am

What's it about? Families in Focus are running a range of drop in sessions for parents and carers of children with any additional need including educational and health needs. These drop in sessions provide parents with the opportunity to share experiences with other parents and receive support from the experienced Families in Focus facilitators.

Venue: South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JF

In addition to the above:

Dates: Monday 22nd October, 19th November & 10 December 2018

Time: 9.30am—11.30am

What's it about? Families in Focus run information and drop in sessions for parents and carers of children with either a diagnosis of or awaiting diagnosis of Autism, PDA and/or Anxiety.

Venue: Adeyfield Community Centre, The Queens Square, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4EW

For more information from Families in Focus telephone 01442 219720, visit www.familiesinfocus.co.uk or email info@familiesinfocus.co.uk

DSPL Conference—"Speech, Language & Communication"

Date: Wednesday 7th November 2018

Time: 9.30am—2.30pm

What's it about? Free for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND, and teaching professionals in Dacorum. There will be talks from key professionals and there will also be information stands as well as discussion groups.

Venue: South Hill Centre, Cemetery Hill Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JF

To Book: Email Ashley Fabray—fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk or call 07525 917125

Autism Support—1-1 Advice Sessions

Date: Wednesday 5th December 2018

Times: 9.30am, 10.05am, 10.40am and 11.15am (30 minute time slots)

What's it about? Louise Howe, Specialist Teacher for Autism, will be holding free, 30 minute 1-1 advice sessions for parents/carers with children who have an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Chaulden School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead

To Book: Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

Parenting Courses & Workshops in Dacorum

Managing Anger

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2018

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

What's it about? Gives strategies to help our children identify and recognise their feelings of anger and to find ways of expressing them healthily and to respect feelings of others.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Gade Schools Family Support, c/o Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

To book: Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

Helping your child through Anxious Times

Dates: Wednesday 10th October, 17th October, 24th October, 7th November & 14th November 2018

Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm

What's it about? A free 5 week course explores how we are able to help our children by recognising signs of anxiety and responding to them positively through solution focused strategies. This course is not appropriate for parents of children either on the autism spectrum or those displaying autistic tendencies as the strategies are different.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Chaulden School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead HP1 2JU

To Book: Contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Housing Surgeries

Dates: Thursday 18th October 2018 & Thursday 13th December 2018

Time: 9.30am - 9.55am, 10.00am - 10.25am, 10.30am - 10.55am, 11.00am - 11.25am

What's it about? Speak to a member of Dacorum Council Housing Team for a free 25 minute appointment who will offer advice and guidance to any housing queries.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Gade Schools Family Support, c/o Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

To book: Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

Parenting Courses & Workshops in Dacorum

Debt Management—1:1 Advice Sessions

Date: Thursday 15th November 2018

Time: 9.30am - 10.00am, 10.05am - 10.35am, 10.40am - 11.10am and 11.15am - 11.45am

What's it about? CAP provides a free and comprehensive debt counselling service. They help local families overcome the difficulties of debt. As part of our service, we offer 1:1 advice, where you can speak confidentially to one of our fully qualified debt coaches to discuss the best options to get on top of your money worries.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Gade Schools Family Support, c/o Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

To book: Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

Half Term Family Events

This family craft morning is open to parents with children up to the age of 12. The events will have a range of arts, crafts, fun and games for all the family. There is a small entry charge.

Refreshments will be available

Date: Tuesday 30th October 2018 10.00am—12.30pm

Venue: Galley Hill Primary School, Galley Hill, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 3JY

For More Information Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

Managing Anxiety and Developing Confidence & Self Esteem

Date: Wednesday 21st November 2018

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

What's it about? This 2 hour workshop will cover the following: understanding young people's anxiety. Anxiety, self-esteem and signs to look out for, the power of positive language and communication. Developing resilience and confidence through empathy and assertiveness and simple coping strategies and skills for you and your child.

Venue: Gade Community Room, Gade Schools Family Support, c/o Chaulden Junior School, School Row, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

To book: Contact Gade Schools Family Support on 01442 278793

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Family Dyslexia Support Group

Dates: Tuesday 9th October, 13th November, 11th December 2018

Times: 1.15pm—2.45pm

What's it about? A new support group run by Lyndsey Hooper, Family Support Worker who will be sharing personal experiences of having Dyslexia herself plus several of her family members. Guest speakers will be attending future session to share experience and support.

Venue: LINK Family Services, Hobletts Manor School, Adeyfield Rd, Hemel Hempstead

For more information contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Violent & Challenging Behaviour in Children With Additional Needs Plus How to Look After You Too!

Date: Tuesday 16th October 2018

Time: 6.30pm—9.30pm

What's it about? This workshop will cover diagnostic overshadowing, the stigma surrounding VCB and the effects this has on you and your whole family, why VCB happens—the underlying causes and how to identify them. Anxiety in children, common causes and what it can look like in children with additional needs. Approaches, strategies and techniques that can help reduce violent episodes at home. The importance of self-care. De-stress strategies. The workshop will finish with a deep relaxation session.

Venue: The Willow Room, Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER

To Book: Contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk

Support Group for Children with Autism, Communication Processing Disorder of Sensory Processing Needs

Dates: Wednesday 14th November 2018 & 16th January 2019

Time: 9.30am—11.00am

What's it about? A daytime support group has been set up for parents and carers across Dacorum. Coffee & tea will be available. No need to book.

Venue: Woodfield School, Malmes Croft, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RL

For More Information: Contact Vicky McKirgan on 07809 240858