

DSPL4 NEWSLETTER

DSPL4 CONFERENCE

DSPL4 Conference 15.01.2026 at Fanhams Hall,
There are still some tickets available
[Click here to book](#)
Please email any dietary needs.

SEND PROVISION

SENCo SEND Provision Briefings:

- [Thursday 12th February 2026 16:00-16:45](#)
- [Wednesday 25th February 2026 16:00-16:45](#)

These sessions will provide a clear overview of the work underway to shape our new SEND Provision Strategy, focusing on strengthening local SEND provision and our shared mission with mainstream schools to lead meaningful change.

WEBSITE



SSR LINK

As mentioned in the last newsletter, for Middleton Outreach support please use the SSR form found [here on the grid](#).

SEND NEWS

Read about the latest SEND NEWS in Herts...

[View SEND NEWS!](#)

And Nationally...

[Department for Education](#)

TRANSITION

Ask Sali have planned a couple of KS2/3 transition coffee mornings for yr4/5/6 parents of SEND children to ease their concerns over transition to secondary.
26th January 9-10.30am Brooklands Junior
20th April, 9:-10:30am, High Leigh .

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HERTS SEND TRAINING

New SEND Training page on the Grid, that collates information on training opportunities and how to keep up to date.

SENCO Briefings are now fully funded for Hertfordshire maintained schools and academies as part of our contract with HFL.

You can book your place through DSPL Managers or visit HFL Education Hub Shop if you are not a maintained school or academy.

SEND Academy Training for next half term will focus on Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment request. Further information on the SEND Academy Website (login: SENDAcademy; password: Herts321)

SLCN

The new dates for the SLCN training have been confirmed, see attached flyers.

Behaviour is for secondary settings only. SLCN is aimed at primary or secondary and unfortunately not suitable for Early Years.

LHNF

Next term will be the last time to be able to claim for LHNF before the change to a new funding system in April named Focus Intervention Funding. We have A LOT of money left in our budget which has to be spent by March, Please get your applications in if you have any children with needs at targeted plus or above where you have targeted plus level support or above in place and support provided in school for this. Please refer to the guidance for this on our website

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MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Lead Introduction
21.01.26 (face2face in Stevenage)
03.03.26 (online)

Mental Health Lead Refresher Training
12.01.26 (online)
24.03.26 (online)

To book your place please email
schools^{mh}@hertfordshire.gov.uk

SIM

DSPL4 commissions work from Strength in Mind to offer a range of therapeutic interventions. Please visit our [DSPL4 website](#) for more information and the referral form.

TA TRAINING

28.01.26 Cognition and Learning support in the classroom 1.30-3pm
[Please sign up here](#)
See flyer attached!

TRAUMA

Rivers ESC are running a workshop on Trauma from 4:00pm - 5:30pm (1.5 hours) on a date of your choice for £125. See flyer attached

CYPMHS NEWS

Welcome to the [November edition of Hertfordshire's CYPMHS newsletter](#), for professionals working with the county's children and young people.

SERVICE DIRECTORIES

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DSPL4

DATES

SENCO

DSPL4 Conference 15.01.26
Fanhams Hall [Click here to book](#)

Senco Forum 12.02.26 1-3pm

HfL Senco Briefing 12.03.26 1.30-3.30

^e GRADUATED APPROACH

Graduated Approach
17.12.26 09:30-11:30 Teams
Please book your space via
[the website.](#)

BEHAVIOUR SURGERIES

Secondary Behaviour Surgery - online

4.12.25 and 18.12.25 8.30-9.30am

Primary Behaviour Surgery - online

10.12.25 8-9am

MELSA

MELSA Supervision

21.01.26 and 4.03.26
9-9.45am

LHNF

LHNF deadline 09.01.26

LHNF Panel 20.01.26 9.30-11am

Settings to attend: Squiggles Wormley,

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery, Longlands

St Catherine's, Bonneygrove, Broxbourne

Secondary

MENTAL HEALTH

Mental Health Leads Network Meeting

EY and Primary.
11.02.26 1.30-3pm online

Secondary Pastoral Leads Meeting
04.02.26 4.-5.15pm

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Hertfordshire Speech, Language and Communication Needs Training

"SLCN and learning – essential training for teachers by teachers"

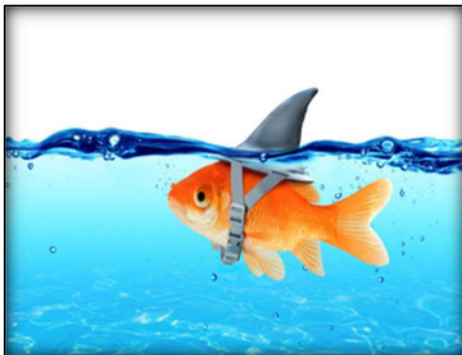


Free Training For Secondary School Staff



This training is 2 hours long and will be delivered online **via MS Teams**.
Please book spaces using the email **below**.

SLCN and Behaviour



Thursday, 26th February 2026
9:30 – 11:30 via MS Teams

To book please send delegate name,
setting and email address to
SLCNTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk

This training will:

- Unpick the crossover between SLCN and behaviour, and SLCN and social and emotional difficulties.
- Explore how unmet language and learning needs can present as emotional / behavioural difficulties.
- Help teachers and teaching assistants see beyond the presenting need to support the underlying unmet needs of the child or young person.

To book a space please send delegate name, school email address and setting name to SLCNTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Hertfordshire Speech, Language and Communication Needs Training

“SLCN and learning – essential training for teachers by teachers”



Free Training For Primary and Secondary School Staff



This training is 2 hours long and will be delivered online via MS Teams.
Please book spaces using the email below.

SLCN in the Primary Classroom

Tuesday, 10th March 2026
9:30 – 11:30 via MS Teams

To book please email delegate name,
setting and email to
SLCNTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk

SLCN in the Secondary Classroom

Tuesday, 24th March 2026
9:30 – 11:30 via MS Teams
To book please email delegate name,
setting and email to
SLCNTraining@hertfordshire.gov.uk

This training will:

- Unpick the role that language plays in learning
- Enable staff to identify barriers for CYPs around language and learning.
- Demonstrate evidence-based ways teachers can support learners with SLCN
- Develop teachers' practice and competencies so they can enable learners to access language in the classroom

Please note these training sessions are not suitable for Early Years settings.



Introduction into Trauma Workshop

Cost: £125.00

Time: 4:00pm – 5:30pm (1.5 hours)

What is covered?

What is Trauma?

Activity

Big T, Little T

Developmental, Relational and Intergenerational overview

Traumatic Events and Experiences

Physically and Mentally look like

Vagal nerve/internal working model

Impact of trauma and readiness to learn/ability

Relational Interventions/connection before correction

Protect, Relate, Regulate and Reflect model

Strategies to support children in the classroom

PACE

What is covered?

What is PACE (whole child)

Theory

Feelings direct action/emotions

Why use PACE?

Strategies

PACE – Follow on workshop



Delivering Special
Provision Locally

DSPL TA Academy Training Offer 25/26

**All training sessions are FREE and will be online 1.30pm - 3pm
Please sign up using the links below**

SPRING TERM 2026

Wednesday 28th January - **Cognition and Learning support in the classroom**
<https://forms.office.com/e/sKxVqmPDGK>

Wednesday 17th March - **Positive Behaviour Support strategies**
<https://forms.office.com/e/KxrX58nnUm>

SUMMER TERM 2026

Wednesday 20th May - **Colourful Semantics**
<https://forms.office.com/e/FFpn5Xdtwa>

Wednesday 17th June - **Trauma and Attachment awareness**
<https://forms.office.com/e/snYaHBgEn7>

The Graduated Approach – Sharing Practice

This session will cover:

- The Graduated Approach
 - Ordinarily Available/High Quality Teaching
 - Reasonable Adjustments
- Sharing practice throughout and opportunities to share and see what other settings are doing

Wednesday 17th December, 09:30-11:30 via MS Teams

Please book your space via the [website](#).

If you cannot join this meeting but would like to receive a recording, please email policyandpractice@hertfordshire.gov.uk



Autism & Brick Skills

Tuesday 25th November 2025 09.30 - 11.00

- To make social groups motivating for pupils with social communication needs.
- To understand why and how to bring structure and visual organisation into social activities.
- To learn how to facilitate a brick skills group.

To book please visit

<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/send-academy/hat-autism-and-brick-skills-workshop-25th-november-2025>



Autism & Girls

Wednesday 10th December 2025 09.30 - 11.30

- To increase understanding of different ways in which autism can presents.
- To develop helpful strategies and approaches to support autistic girls (and others with this profile)

To book please visit:

<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/send-academy/hat-autism-and-girls-workshop-10th-december-2025>



Hertfordshire Mental Health Leads Network

Secondary and Further Education

These termly network meetings are organised jointly between the Emotional and Mental Wellbeing in Education (EMWIE) Team and Public Health for **Mental Health Leads, Deputy Mental Health Leads, and Pastoral Support Staff** in all **Hertfordshire education settings**.

The termly meetings provide key updates on mental health and emotional wellbeing services for children and young people, parents and staff; system updates; relevant Public Health information, and an opportunity to communicate and work together with other education settings in your area.

Meeting	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Dacorum	Tuesday 21 Oct 2025 2pm to 3.15pm Kings Langley School	Tuesday 27 Jan 2026 4pm to 5.15pm Hemel School	Thursday 21 May 2026 4pm to 5.15pm Ashlyns School
East Herts & Broxbourne	Tuesday 7 Oct 2025 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams	Wednesday 4 Feb 2026 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams	Tuesday 19 May 2026 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams
North Herts & Stevenage	Thursday 6 Nov 2025 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams	Wednesday 11 Mar 2026 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams	Tuesday 12 May 2026 4pm to 5.15pm MS Teams
Welwyn Hatfield	Thursday 13 Nov 2025 4pm to 5.15pm Links Academy	Thursday 26 Feb 2026 4pm to 5.15pm Links Academy	Thursday 7 May 2026 4pm to 5.15pm Links Academy
South West Pastoral Leads	Thursday 9 Oct 2025 2pm to 4pm West Herts College	Tuesday 3 Feb 2026 2pm to 4pm West Herts College	Wednesday 13 May 2026 2pm to 4pm West Herts College
St Albans	Wednesday 15 Oct 2025 4.15pm to 5.30pm Townsend School	Wednesday 11 Mar 2026 4.15pm to 5.30pm Townsend School	Wednesday 10 June 2026 4.15pm to 5.30pm Townsend School
FE Colleges and UH	Tuesday 30 Sept 2025 10am to 11.15am MS Teams	Tuesday 10 Feb 2026 10am to 11.15am MS Teams	Tuesday 16 June 2026 10am to 11.15am West Herts College

To register your interest in attending these meetings, please email dee.debruin1@hertfordshire.gov.uk or yasmine.fellah@hertfordshire.gov.uk with your school name and DSPL area.



Hertfordshire Mental Health Leads Network

Early Years & Primary Schools

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Meeting	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term	Time & Location
DSPL 1 & 2 North Herts & Stevenage	Tuesday 16 Sept 2025	Thursday 22 Jan 2026	Thursday 30 April 2026	1:30pm to 3pm MS Teams
DSPL 3 & 4 East Herts & Broxbourne	Tuesday 14 Oct 2025	Wednesday 11 Feb 2026	Thursday 4 June 2026	1:30pm to 3pm MS Teams
DSPL 5 & 6 Welwyn Hatfield, Potters Bar, Borehamwood	NEW DATE Tuesday 14 Oct 2025	Wednesday 28 Jan 2026	Thursday 14 May 2026	1:30pm to 3pm MS Teams
DSPL 7 & 8 St Albans, Harpenden, Dacorum	Wednesday 5 Nov 2025	Tuesday 10 March 2026	Thursday 11 June 2026	1:30pm to 3pm MS Teams
DSPL 9 Watford, Three Rivers, Bushey & Radlett	Tuesday 4 Nov 2025	Tuesday 24 Feb 2026	Tuesday 9 June 2026	9:30am to 11am MS Teams

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Hertfordshire Mental Health Leads Network

Specialist and Independent settings

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Meeting	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Independent settings	Monday 22 Sept 2025 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams	Monday 9 Feb 2026 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams	Monday 11 May 2026 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams
Specialist settings	Monday 20 Oct 2025 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams	Monday 23 Mar 2026 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams	Monday 22 June 2026 1pm to 2.30pm MS Teams

To register your interest in attending these meetings, please email schoolsmh@hertfordshire.gov.uk with your school name and DSPL area.



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The Electric Umbrella Academy



Electric Umbrella has now worked with hundreds of mainstream primary and SEND schools, in person and online, using music to encourage creativity, celebrate difference and explore the power of kindness and joy. Everything we do is co-led by our professional and learning disabled musicians, bringing a unique blend of artistic excellence and lived inclusion.

We want every child, in every school to experience the magic, and so we've launched our [Electric Umbrella Academy](#)

What is The Electric Umbrella Academy?

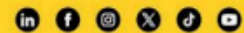
- A **FREE online programme** for all **mainstream primary and SEND schools across the UK**
- Access to high-energy **online, interactive assemblies**
- All the **music resources** needed to enjoy our amazing original songs (each half term is based on a different one)
- Resources with real-life stories, videos, and discussion prompts to explore **the message behind the music**
- **Electric Umbrella accreditation** in celebration of your school's culture of kindness, equity and creativity

How do schools get involved?

- If you already have a free online School Account with us then just log in and get involved!
- If you haven't yet created a free School Account then do so [HERE](#) to access all the Academy resources, the 2 assemblies for this half term and more School specific materials.
- Come along to the online **welcome assembly on Friday 12th September 10 - 10:30am** and enjoy!

Any questions about The Academy or any of our other Schools' programmes? Get in touch at schools@electricumbrella.org.uk

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