



Delivering Special Provision Locally

**Autumn 1
Newsletter
for SENCOs**

DSPL3 Useful Links

- ◆ The DSPL3 Website and Facebook page are now live.
- ◆ Please click here to view the [website](#)
- ◆ Please click here to view the [Facebook page](#)—We regularly post flyers for training courses so please check regularly so you aren't missing out.
- ◆ To view upcoming training, courses or workshops please [click here](#)

Dates for the diary

SENCO Forum dates:

- ◆ 14th & 15th October 2025
- ◆ 13th & 1st January 2026
- ◆ 12th & 13th May 2026

HfL dates (Teams 1:30-3:30pm):

- ◆ 18th November 2025
- ◆ 10th March 2026
- ◆ 16th June 2026

Please note all the above dates can be found on the website.

EP Consultations

- ◆ We have slots available on 1st October. If you would like one please email Katie Algate (DSPL3 Manager) If you do not manage to get one, there will be more available in November, December, January and March.

Outreach Changes

- ◆ For those that missed the email dated 23rd July. The Outreach Service commissioned by HCC will be changing in the near future. However, the additional Outreach commissioned by DSPL3 will remain the same with a simple name change to DSPL3 Specialist Support so we can differentiate between the two. As above, we will communicate these changes as they occur either in person via SENCO forums or through some online Teams meetings.

LHNF Changes and Applications

- ◆ Changes to the Local High Needs Funding are still being finalised and the new system will be in place from January. As soon as we have all the finer details we will communicate this with you either via SENCO forums or through some online Teams meetings. In the meantime please continue to apply in the usual way.
- ◆ Please ensure all LHNF applications are sent to DSPL3LHNF@amwell.herts.sch.uk to make sure it doesn't get missed.

Changes to the Referral form for Family Support Worker (Alison Whenman)

- ◆ We have moved away from asking you to complete the referral form via SurveyMonkey.
- ◆ We are now going to be using a simple word document which you can complete and email back to Alison.
- ◆ The questions/information remains the same and is very simple to complete. The form can be found on our website and saved by clicking [here](#).

SEND Learning Week (Monday 6th October—Friday 10th October)

- ◆ Join the SEND Academy for a week of learning webinars dedicated to fostering emotional resilience and school readiness within the world of SEND
- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view what is on offer and how to book

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Useful Links:

Ask SALI
The SEND Advice Line for Inclusions
Call: 01438 843310 8.30am – 5pm
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Hertfordshire SEND Academy Training Programme Guide

- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view the training brochure outlining the training offer for the 2025-2026 academic year.

DSPL Survey

- ◆ Each term HCC like us to send out a survey to understand the impact and value of the work DSPL's are doing within their areas. This can be completed by any schools, professionals, parent/carers or pupils that have directly received support from DSPL. We encourage you to complete it to give feedback on (hopefully) the great things we are doing
- ◆ Please [click here](#) for the link

Young Carers Professional Development Requirement Survey

- ◆ The Council is refreshing the all age Carers Strategy for 2026-2029 and designing how young carers will be supported in Hertfordshire from April.
- ◆ As part of this process, the council are seeking feedback from all professionals who work with children, families or adults to understand any professional development requirements. This is to help them understand how best to help you in your day-to-day work with adults and children, where young carers may be identified and supported.
- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view the survey. The Survey will close on Friday 3rd October at 5pm

Early Years Autism Training

- ◆ The Early Years Service is offering Autism Training to Early Years Practitioners.
- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view the dates and how to book.

TA Academy Training Offer

- ◆ All training sessions will be online
- ◆ To see dates, times and to sign up, please click [here](#)

Secondary Behaviour Surgery

- ◆ Please [click here](#) to see the framework and criteria along with the surgery dates

Secondary EBSNA Training

- ◆ We are looking at delivering training to secondary schools on EBSA
- ◆ This would be an after-school training session face to face and would last approximately 1.5 hours.
- ◆ We would require key members of SLT to attend, SENCO, Head of school, Heads of year, leads on attendance, leads on behaviour
- ◆ The training aims to help you identify early signs of EBNA and steps to ensure early intervention and how to develop school wide policy to ensure effective practice.
- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view dates and locations.

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