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## 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:

- ◆ 12th & 13th May 2026—*These dates will be rescheduled due to clashing with SATs*

## FIF (Focused Intervention Funding)

- ◆ FIF will be replacing LHNH from April. Application deadlines are as follows:
- ◆ 27th April 2026
- ◆ 22nd June 2026
- ◆ 21st September 2026
- ◆ 16th November 2026
- ◆ 11th January 2027
- ◆ 22nd February 2027

## First SENCO Cluster meetings

- ◆ Please find below the dates of the first cluster meetings. If you are unsure which cluster you are in, please contact Katie.

<b>Cluster 1</b>	7th May @ 9:30am	All Saints
<b>Cluster 2</b>	6th May @ 9:30am	Thorley Hill
<b>Cluster 3</b>	6th May @ 10am	Leventhorpe
<b>Cluster 4</b>	6th May @ 9:30am	Freman
<b>Cluster 5</b>	6th May @ 1pm	Thundridge
<b>Cluster 6</b>	7th May @ 9:30am	Christ Church
<b>Cluster 7</b>	6th May @ 9:30am	Morgan's
<b>Cluster 8</b>	6th May @ 1:30pm	Hollybush

## Alison Whenman (DSPL3 Family Support Worker)

- ◆ Alison will not be accepting any new referrals from schools this term.
- ◆ Alison has seen her caseload double over recent years with more families than ever needing her wonderful support and expertise. But it is only a good service if we can get to your families in a timely manner.
- ◆ Alison's waiting list is currently around 8+ weeks and this short break will enable her to reduce that down and get to you quicker in the future. Referrals will be accepted again from April. Many schools pay into a Local Schools Partnership or there are other Teams you can access if appropriate.

## TA Academy Survey

- ◆ For those that have attended training with the TA Academy, please fill out the survey below in order to build the training for the next academic year. This will help the team provide relevant and appropriate training to meet your needs.
- ◆ [Click here for the survey](#)

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## Future Living

- ◆ Future Living are open to receive referrals again

## First Steps ED Webinar

- ◆ First Steps ED presented a webinar regarding their services and what they can offer our young people.
- ◆ To watch the webinar, please [click here](#)

## Hailey Hall Outreach

- ◆ Hailey Hall are now offering DSPL3 SEMH Outreach which can be accessed by completing the online Single Service Request (SSR) Form.

## HfL Dates (Teams 1:30-3:30pm):

- ◆ 16th June 2026
- ◆ To book, please click this link [Booking Form](#)
- ◆ Please note that these are now fully funded.
- ◆ A copy of the SEND briefing is available on our [website](#) at the bottom of the page

## EY's Outreach/Referrals

- ◆ The EY's team will be supporting children with complex needs and EMERGING needs up to the end of Reception and therefore all referrals should be directed to them. Alison Lindsell will only be working with children from Year 1 and older.

## New Flexi Schooling Guide:

- ◆ Hertfordshire have updated the Flexi Schooling Guidance which has been developed to support schools in responding to flexi schooling requests and to ensure that decision-making is consistent, well-informed, and firmly centred on the best interests of the child or young person.
- ◆ The guidance has been developed with the support of schools, parent carer representatives, and Local Authority professionals, reflecting shared learning and practice across Hertfordshire. [Click here](#) to view.

## The Single Service Request (SSR) Form

- ◆ The SSR form on the Local Offer page has been updated, please [click here](#) to view
- ◆ Please use this method only from now on and not the old paper referral process.

## HCC Consultation on Post-16 SEND Transport

- ◆ Hertfordshire are proposing that young people between the age of 16-18 in need of travel support to access education will usually be offered a Personal Travel Budget, rather than travelling in a vehicle provided by the council (i.e. taxi or small vehicle from home to school/college).
- ◆ They are proposing to implement this change from September 2026 and it will apply to everyone needing travel support from the age of 16. This will mostly affect young people with EHCPs as very few young people without an EHCP benefit from post 16 travel support.
- ◆ To find out more information, as well as how to respond to the consultation, please [click here](#)

## NESSIE 'Different Belongs' Toolkit

- ◆ NESSIE have created a free toolkit that includes teaching lesson plans and assembly resources for use in primary schools to help all children understand Autism and ADHD.
- ◆ Please [click here](#) to view

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## Transition Day

- ◆ Please reserve **Tuesday 5th May 2026** for our annual transition day. This year it will be held at Herts and Essex sports facility in Bishop's Stortford. This will allow ample parking for everyone, no need to sign in/out and no disruption to the school day or students. We have selected this date before the chaos of SATs and GCSEs commences.
- ◆ It is an expectation that ALL schools are in attendance to make this work most successfully and that every child that needs additional support is captured.

## Families First Partnership Programme

- ◆ The Families First Partnership Programme is implementing changes to the children's social care required by the government. To view the document, please [click here](#)

## HFL Education Training

- ◆ HFL are offering five fully funded 90 minute online modules designed to strengthen inclusive practice and enhance the quality of Ordinarily Available Provision across Hertfordshire schools.

**Wellbeing.**  
Training to support OAP

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FUNDED for Herts schools

1	<b>Universal Mental Health &amp; Wellbeing (incl. PSHE/RSHE)</b> <i>Creating calm, safe and inclusive learning environments</i>	Tuesday 19th May 2026
2	<b>Behaviour as Communication (incl. ADHD)</b> <i>Understanding need, improving engagement and regulation</i>	Thursday 4th June 2026
3	<b>Using the Graduated Approach Well</b> <i>Applying APDR effectively for behaviour and wellbeing</i>	Tuesday 9th June 2026
4	<b>Working with Parents &amp; Pupil Voice</b> <i>Building strong partnerships and shared understanding</i>	Thursday 11th June 2026
5	<b>Attachment-Aware &amp; Trauma-Informed Practice</b> <i>Relational strategies that promote safety and belonging</i>	Friday 26th June 2026

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