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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

- ◆ Transition Day @ Herts and Essex Sports Facility—**Tuesday 5th May**
- ◆ HfL Briefing—**Tuesday 16th June (Teams 1:30-3:30pm)** [Booking Form](#)
- ◆ DSPL3 Day—SENCO Forum/VSEND/Benchmarking—**Wednesday 17th June**

FIF (Focused Intervention Funding)

- ◆ FIF will be replacing LHNF 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*

Transition 'train-the-trainer' Workshop

- ◆ Delivered by Alison Lindsell to Year 6 teachers, SENCOs, pastoral leads or TAs.
- ◆ The aim is for those professionals to replicate this to pupils leaving their schools and transitioning onto another setting. The aim is to prepare our CYP for this pivotal moment in their adolescent lives and for them to go on to thrive in their next chapter of education.
- ◆ To book, please click on the upcoming workshop list above.

Hertfordshire SEND Provision Plan 2026-2029

- ◆ The public consultation for the Hertfordshire SEND Provision Plan is now live and running for 12 weeks and closing on 15th June. HCC are seeking views on whether the plan reflects your priorities, and how it can be further strengthened before it is finalised.
- ◆ Please could you fill out the [short survey](#) to share your feedback.

'Different Belongs' Webinar

- ◆ Following a successful programme delivering support to Children and Young people, Add-vance and Nessie have created a project called 'Different Belongs', a neurodiversity toolkit for teachers. It offers a set of resources for teachers to use in primary schools to help all children understand Autism and ADHD with a strong emphasis on the voice of the child. The resources are aimed at Years 5 and 6, but can be adapted for other age groups. The resources are designed to help children and young people learn about neurodivergence in a way that is respectful, positive, and neuro-affirming.
- ◆ HCC are holding a webinar on 30th April at 2pm where Add-vance and Nessie will showcase this project to Hertfordshire professionals, please register on the link below if you would like to attend to find out more. [Click here](#) to book

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Hertfordshire Mental Health Leads Network

- ◆ These termly network meetings are organised jointly between the Emotional and Mental Health Leads, and Pastoral Support Staff in all Hertfordshire education settings
- ◆ These 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.
- ◆ Please see dates below, to book please [click here](#)

Early Years/Primary Schools	
Tuesday 13 th October 2026	1:30pm to 3pm
Wednesday 10 th February 2027	1:30pm to 3pm
Thursday 3 rd June 2027	1:30pm to 3pm
Secondary Schools/Further Education	
Tuesday 6 th October 2026	4pm-5:15pm
Wednesday 3 rd February 2027	4pm-5:15pm
Wednesday 19 th May 2027	4pm-5:15pm
Specialist Settings	
Monday 19 th October 2026	1:30pm-3pm
Monday 22 nd March 2027	1:30pm-3pm
Monday 21 st June 2027	1:30pm-3pm
Independent Settings	
Monday 21 st September 2026	1:30pm-3pm
Monday 8 th February 2027	1:30pm-3pm
Monday 10 th May 2027	1:30pm-3pm

DSPL3 SENCO Forum/VSEND/ Benchmarking Day

- ◆ DSPL3 day is taking place on Wednesday 17th June at Buntingford First School
- ◆ The theme for the SENCO Forum is about attendance and inclusion
- ◆ Katy Alexander is also going to be attending to assist with utilising VSEND for future FIF applications.
- ◆ Please bring lunch and we will provide a plethora of cakes, tea and coffee!

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