



Delivering Special Provision Locally

January 2025
Newsletter
for SENCOs

DSPL3 Website and Facebook page

- ◆ 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.

Dates for the diary

- ◆ DSPL3 Conference at Fanhams Hall: Friday 7th February 2025
- ◆ SENCO Forum—11th February @ Presdales School, Ware
- ◆ SENCO Forum—12th February @ TBC - if any Sawbridgeworth/Bishops Stortford schools would like to volunteer to hold the forum, please contact Lisa Lee
- ◆ Transition Day—7th May @ TBC

Referrals to Alison Wheman

- ◆ If you are referring to Alison Wheman (Family Support), here are a few tips:
- Please ensure parents have agreed to family support and are willing to engage with the support
- Child must be either diagnosed ASD/ADHD or on the waiting list for assessment
- Ensure contact details are with parents name

SENCO Online Feedback Group

- ◆ The SENCO online feedback group is a light touch way that SENCOs can hear about opportunities to share their experiences and opinions on SEND topics, that will influence decision making and strategy at the council
- ◆ Members are emailed with anything from a short 5 minute task or surveys through to invitations to represent SENCO voice in longer term working groups. All tasks are optional.
- ◆ If you would like to receive emails, please [click here](#) to fill out the form.

Training, Courses and Workshops

- ◆ To view upcoming training, courses or workshops please [click here](#)

Contact Details

- ◆ Many thanks to all schools for providing us with up to date contact information. His helps us to ensure important communications are making it to all of you.

Transition

- ◆ We have been looking at ways to improve transition and have written some guidance on ensuring a smooth transition and what a good transition looks like.
- ◆ It is important that **all schools** read this and familiarise yourselves with it, as this really should be the minimum we are aiming for. This is also available on our website. Click [here](#) to view.
- ◆ We would also like to remind you that we are running our first transitions day on **7th May**. It is your opportunity to sit down with the school your pupils are transitioning to and pass over relevant information. We expect **ALL** schools to attend, otherwise it will not work. Details on how to book your time slots with the relevant secondary schools will be given nearer the time.

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DSPL3 Website:
<https://www.dspl3.org.uk/>

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Useful Links:

Ask SALI
The SEND Advice Line for Inclusions
Call: 01438 843310 8.30am – 5pm
Monday to Friday.
Email: asksali@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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DSPL3 Support/services

We have had requests for a simple list of support and services available. For information, your DSPL3 helps provide all of the following (which should be all detailed on the website):

- ◆ Primary Outreach—Alison Lindsell
- ◆ Secondary Outreach—Sheila Kitchen
- ◆ Family Support Worker—Alison Whenman
- ◆ Future Living—12 week therapy
- ◆ EP Consultations
- ◆ NESSie train-the-trainer 12 week programme
- ◆ LHNF panels
- ◆ Mindkindness
- ◆ Parent/Carer Coffee Mornings
- ◆ Annual SENCO Conference
- ◆ SENCO Forums (termly)
- ◆ HFL SEND Briefings (termly)
- ◆ SENCO Newsletter (half termly)
- ◆ Parent/Carer Newsletter (half termly)
- ◆ New website (dspl3.org.uk)
- ◆ New Facebook page (DSPL3)
- ◆ Facilitating various training sessions (VSEND, benchmarking toolkit etc)
- ◆ Workshops e.g. Neurodiversity
- ◆ Organising Specialist School tours
- ◆ Transition support

DSPL3 Manager and SEND lead are always on hand to signpost, offer support, school visits, attend meetings, put a team-around-the-school and we arrange/attend various meetings such as 'At Risk', Triage, Behaviour surgeries, EHCCO's etc. Please do contact us if there is anything you need support with.

Protective Behaviours Course

We have booked both an online and face-to-face course on the following dates:

Online— 22nd May and 5th June (must attend both)

Face-to-face— 1st and 8th May (must attend both)

- ◆ They are almost full, but we have a couple of spaces left on each. Please get in contact (DSPL3 Manager—Katie Algate) if you would like to book on.
- ◆ The cost is £100 instead of the usual £250 and is a 2-day course held one week apart.

Who's in Charge' Course for Parents

- ◆ Rivers are running a Who's in Charge course for parents. It addresses child to parent violence and abuse.
- ◆ Please refer parent to Syreeta - the parent must make a commitment to attend.
- ◆ The next course dates are as follows:
- ◆ Commencing—
 - ◆ 27th February—Larkspur Primary School, Tower Hill, Ware 9:15am-11:45am for 8 weeks
 - ◆ 8th May—Mill Field Primary School, Monks Walk, Buntingford 9:15am—11:45am for 8 weeks

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