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## DSPL 9 Weekly Newsletter 2

24.09.25

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### **DSPL 9 HFL SEND Briefing**

As most of you will be aware, for this academic year the HFL SEND briefings will be delivered separately to the DSPL 9 clusters. These sessions will be hosted by secondary's schools over the course of the year

#### **Autumn Term Details:**

Date: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Time: 1.30-3.30pm

Venue: Westfield Academy, Tolpits Ln, London, Watford WD18 6NS

<https://buytickets.at/dspl9/1753579>



### **DSPL 9 SENCo Drop in sessions**

Weekly drop in sessions with Mandy Brandon and Gemma Hall are available to all SENCOs across the DSPL 9 area. Starting from **Tuesday 23rd September** and running every week for the entire academic year.

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 3.45-4.30pm

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Please use the link below for any of the Tuesday sessions:

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 340 101 177 553 9

Passcode: FD789nR7

## Applying for an EHC Needs Assessment

This annual training will be delivered by Mandy Brandon (SISO for DSPL 9) and will cover the following aspects:

- what to do prior to applying for a needs assessment
- how to complete the request effectively
- what paperwork should/should not be included
- what to do if a needs assessment is not needed but parents are insisting

The training is refreshed and updated each year, so we recommend attending this year even if you attended last year.

Date: Thursday 6th November  
Time: 3.30-5pm  
Venue: Microsoft Teams

To book your place please click [here](#)

### *Join us as we launch Hertfordshire's Ordinarily Available Provision guidance*



Discover how this new guidance empowers schools to provide a supportive, and inclusive environment that promotes high expectations and aspiration for all children and young people. This essential 2-hour event introduces SENCOs and school leaders to ordinarily available provision's key principles and explores strategies and approaches that support inclusive practice.

[Click here](#) for all dates, times, venues and booking links.

N.B: A maximum of 3 people per setting can attend – all events are fully funded, and refreshments will be provided.

### **LHNF: Autumn Term Arrangements**

As you will be aware, LHNF process/funding is under review. However, we have received confirmation that LHNF panels will run as previously in the autumn term 2025.

Panel Date	Application Deadline
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	1 <sup>st</sup> October (5pm)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov (5pm)

Arrangements from January 2026 continue to be under review.



### DSPL 9 EBSA Support: Tier 4 Information

Please be reminded that the deadline for tier 4 referrals is **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October**.

All referral forms and additional evidence must be sent via schoolfx to [admin@dsplarea9.org.uk](mailto:admin@dsplarea9.org.uk)



### DSPL 9/Chessbrook SEMH Solution Circles

Please note a number of the SEMH solution circles have moved to the earlier time of 8.30-9.30am. The timetable below has been updated to reflect this.

#### [SEMH Solution Circle Referral Form](#)

Autumn term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Primary	3.30-4.30pm
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Primary	3.30-4.30pm
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Secondary	3.30-4.30pm
	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>8.30-9.30am</b>
Spring Term	<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>8.30-9.30am</b>
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Primary	3.30-4.30pm
	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>8.30-9.30am</b>
Summer Term	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>8.30-9.30am</b>
	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Primary	3.30-4.30pm
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Secondary	3.30-4.30pm
	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary	3.30-4.30pm



### SEND Learning Week

Join us for a transformative week of learning webinars dedicated to fostering emotional resilience and school readiness within the world of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Please see the attached flyer or [click here](#) for all details of all the workshops available and the link for booking.



## Annual Reviews for Education Setting Training

We have training for education settings on annual reviews taking place on 24/9 at 9:30 and 16/10 at 3:30, both sessions are virtual on teams. (see attached flyer for all details)

The content is similar to last years A/R training but with some **new updates on the upcoming annual review form** and guidance. We are really wanting to target SENCOs new to role or those SENCOs who maybe did join last year but are needing a refresh of the process or want information on the upcoming form and changes.

All bookings need to be made via the SEND Academy

<https://events.hertfordshire.gov.uk/send-academy/annual-reviews-for-education-settings>

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# CESC Talks

## 2025 / 2026

Research led and action based sessions to empower school staff from KS1 to KS4 to support & engage students.

Join our experienced staff to share successful strategies that can be used in mainstream settings. Develop your knowledge through case studies, theoretical underpinning, current legislation and practical strategies to implement in your classroom.

9th Oct	13th Nov	22nd Jan	12th Mar	18th Jun
Applying the PACE Approach in the Classroom	Looking Through a Trauma Lens	Contextual Safeguarding	Applying the PACE Approach in the Classroom	Cultures of Wellbeing and Effectiveness
Gita Newth & Gemma Hall	Jess King	Michael Chapman	Gita Newth & Gemma Hall	Dr Emma Kell

Open to all primary & secondary school staff, ECT's, teachers & leaders | Sessions are FREE\* to schools within South West Hertfordshire | \*Schools outside of EWH are charged of £35 per session

**Chessbrook Education Support Centre**  
Tolpits Lane, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 6LJ



## Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops for families

The CWP team have a number of workshops available for young people and parent/carers during the autumn term. Please share the attached flyer with any of your school community who would benefit from attending.



# THE EDUCATION HUB

*Promoting the education of children  
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## SUPPORTING CONCERNS AROUND:

**Education & Attainment**

**Attendance**

**Transition**

**SEND & EHCPs**

**Risk of exclusion**

**Health**

**SEMH**

An information and advice service for Social Care  
and Education colleagues for students known to  
Children's Services on CP/CiN plans age 0-18.

**Contact us:**

**education.hub@hertfordshire.gov.uk**

Please find the referral form attached to the email.



**CYPMHS September Newsletter**

There is a range of information in this month's issue including:

- With Youth's online wellbeing groups reopen for autumn referrals
- Sandbox free online mental health sessions for young people in education/other groups
- Launch of Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA) Framework

To access the newsletter please click [here](#).

Can you help?



**South West Herts Partnership  
Family Support Service**

**Christmas 'Health & Wellbeing' Appeal**

We will be collecting **brand new items only** that will directly support children's and families' health and wellbeing.

 **NEW BOOKS** for all ages – stories help comfort and connect us

**NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING** (for children) - to keep kids active and included. 

 **WINTER WARMERS** (for children & adults) – hats, gloves, scarves, socks, thermals.

**TOILETRY GIFT SETS** (for children & adults) – to give peace, calm and care. 

**Your donations will help ease the burden, show families they have support from their local community and remind them they are not forgotten.**

If you would like to take part and collect donations on behalf of SWHP, please contact [admin@swhp.org.uk](mailto:admin@swhp.org.uk). We will arrange for a member of the SWHP team to come in and collect the gifts by **THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** to allow time for all gifts to be distributed prior to Christmas.

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**We're excited to share that a new blog post is now available!**

[The Bell Foundation's Language for Results: strengthening support for multilingual learners in every classroom](#)

For further information about the Bell Foundation please follow the link below:

<https://www.bell-foundation.org.uk/resources/guidance/classroom-guidance/effective-teaching-of-eal-learners/>



**'Introduction to the SEND Local Offer website' – webinar**

*The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website lets parents, young people and professionals know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them. There is so much more than that, too.*

*A friendly face from the Local Offer team will take you through what's on the website and how you can use it to find the right services and support.*

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/localoffer)

**Monday 6 October 2pm – 3pm** (for professionals): no need to book, [save this joining link to your calendar](#)

**Thursday 9 October 3pm – 4pm** (for professionals - part of SEND Learning Week): [Book your free place on the SEND Learning Week webinar](#)

**Thursday 9 October 8pm – 9pm** (for parents and professionals): [Book your free place on the webinar](#)

*A quick note: The Local Offer website is different to Short Breaks (SBLO). We won't be going into detail about SBLO.*





