



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

**Autumn 2023**

If you have any concerns about SEND matters or simply need a chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at:

Email: [send@rosherville.kent.sch.uk](mailto:send@rosherville.kent.sch.uk)

Tel: 01474 365 266

I am usually in school either AM or PM on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Kind regards,  
Tracy Macfarlane, SENDCo

**Kent  
County  
Council**



Keep up to date with the Kent improvement plan for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/education-policies/send-strategies-and-policies/send-improvement-plan>



## Parent Workshops at Ifield SMILE 23-24



SUMMARY OF PARENT WORKSHOPS - 2023 - 2024							
Please see the Smile section on the Ifield School website for further details							
Name of Course or Programme	Date	Organiser District / Area	Course Type	Sessions	Specialist SEND Prior Knowledge	Tutors	Open to Applicants from:
Exploring & Improving Communication Skills	18.10.23	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Julie Hawkins	Area
Basics for Behaviour	16.11.23	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Jason Owen	Area
Starting the Autism Journey	07.12.23	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Helen Cottage	Area
Sleep Solutions	12.01.24	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Helen Cottage	District
Autism in the Early Years	5 sessions 10.1.24/21.02.24/ 27.03.24/ 24.04.24 & 22.05.24	Gravesham	Parent	5 sessions	Awareness	Janice Gibson & Gaby Hicks	Area
Understanding Dyslexia	23.01.24	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Ruth Cubitt	Area
Anxiety & Autism	19.03.24	Gravesham	parent	Half day	Awareness	Helen Cottage	Area
Autistic Girls - Exploring Difference	15.05.24	Gravesham	parent	Half day	Awareness	Claire Noordally	Area

For full details please see the full brochure at:

[https://www.ifielddschool.com/\\_site/data/files/users/27/2D801F846EBEB6CEC5939D8721DEE5B7.pdf](https://www.ifielddschool.com/_site/data/files/users/27/2D801F846EBEB6CEC5939D8721DEE5B7.pdf)



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**KENT EDUCATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE**

## PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION LINE

**Free 30 minute phone/video  
consultation with an Educational  
Psychologist for parents and carers.**





The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning.

Topics or areas that you may wish to discuss might include:

- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

**[kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk)**

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the email address above including the following information:

- your name;
- phone number;
- a convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)
- your child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school; - a brief description of what you wish to discuss.
- the district in Kent in which you live.

**We will do our best to respond within 10 working days but this is subject to availability, particularly during school holidays.**





## KCC Early Help (Support for Families)

Providing services that can be accessed at a time and place that suits families to help them to do well, stay safe and resolve problems at the earliest possible opportunity before they become more serious.

Early Help means taking action to support a child, young person or their family early in the life of a problem or as soon as it emerges.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-help-support-for-families>



Kent School Health support children and young people aged four to nineteen.

They can help with a range of issues young people might face including:

- toileting
- sleep
- behaviour
- healthy lifestyle
- puberty and growing up
- emotional health and wellbeing

Parents can find further information on services offered and complete an online referral form here:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/>



## OTHER PARENT SUPPORT INFORMATION

<https://www.autismsoutheast.co.uk/info/local-services-organisations/> a great source of information and events supporting autistic adults, children and their families.

<https://wearebeams.org.uk/> for information for parents and carers to help them make the best choices for their child.

<https://adhdfoundation.org.uk/> for people who live with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's syndrome.

<https://www.ifieldschool.com/page/?title=SMILE&pid=11> for information and advice on understanding autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia, language and communication difficulties, Downs syndrome and behaviour management.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs> for KCC information, advice and support for families with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25.

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/) for details on resources and links for physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language from the NHS.

[www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/counselling-and-emotional-health/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/counselling-and-emotional-health/) for mental health and well-being services from the NHS.