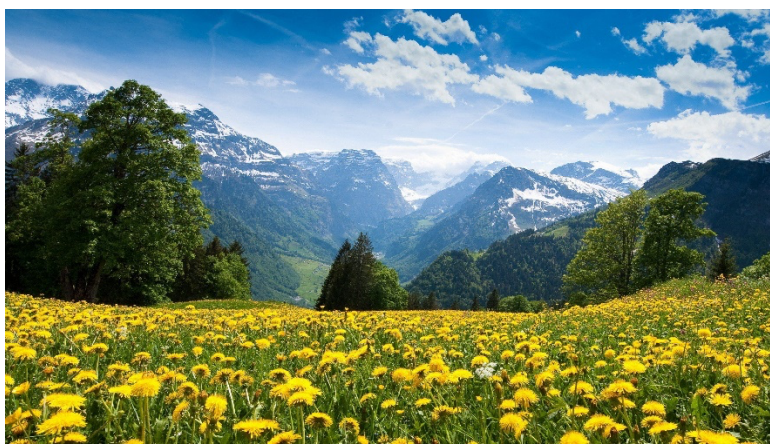




## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

**Spring 2025**



In addition to this Newsletter you can also find information on the Parent Support page on our website: <https://www.rosherville.kent.sch.uk/our-school/parent-support/>

As always, if you have any concerns about SEND matters or simply need a chat please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at email: [send@rosherville.kent.sch.uk](mailto:send@rosherville.kent.sch.uk)

Kind regards  
Mrs Tracy Macfarlane  
Inclusion Manager



## Parent courses at Ifield SMILE, Gravesend

<b>Autism in the Early Years</b>	3 sessions 24/01/2025, 28/02/2025 & 21/03/2025	Gravesham	Parent	5 sessions	Awareness	Early Years Specialist Team
<b>Makaton Workshop Level 1</b>	03.03.2025	Gravesham	Parent	1 day	Awareness	Kirsty Jewell, Speech & Language Therapist
<b>Anxiety &amp; Autism</b>	25.03.2025	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Helen Cottage
<b>Autistic Girls - Exploring Difference</b>	06.05.2025	Gravesham	Parent	Half day	Awareness	Claire Noordally
<b>Makaton Workshop Level 1</b>	09.06.2025	Gravesham	Parent	1 day	Awareness	Kirsty Jewell, Speech & Language Therapist

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## Parent support at Ifield SMILE, Gravesend

### FAMILY ADVICE SUPPORT GROUP – BEAMS

**We are Beams will be running a Family Advice Support Group at Ifield Smile**

**10.00am – 12 noon**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

**4<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**20<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

This support group is led by our Family Advice Team at Beams and is for parent and carers of children with disabilities – everyone welcome.

To book a place, please telephone 01474 536924 and request a booking form. On booking, an email and contact telephone number must be given. Booking forms are also available on the Ifield website [www.ifieldschool.com](http://www.ifieldschool.com)

<https://www.ifieldschool.com/site/data/files/users/27/files/620F2C5AACD6F3CBF6CD A43743117178.pdf>



## KCC SEND Newsletter - for updates, resources and activities



You can find the latest KCC Newsletter and sign up to the mailing list here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs/listening-to-your-voice-and-taking-action/send-newsletter>



## Self-referrals:

### Kent Educational Psychology

Offers a free parent/carers consultation line with an Educational Psychologist.

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



Kent Community Health  
NHS Foundation Trust

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 USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.iask.org.uk/> free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) for children, young people up to age 25, parents and carers in Kent.

<https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/parents> to support all autistic children to reach their full potential.

<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://adhd.foundation.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.

<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/> helping to understand wellbeing and resilience

<https://childmind.org/article/sensory-processing-issues-explained/>