



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

Autumn 2025



We hope you have had an enjoyable Summer break and would like to welcome you back to another exciting school year.

This Newsletter is intended to keep you up-to-date with the latest local news in SEND and point you in the direction of further support and help. 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/> Details of workshops, coffee mornings etc. will also be shared as the year progresses.

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

Kind regards
Mrs Tracy Macfarlane
Inclusion Manager



Changes in KCC

This Academic year sees significant changes to the way that KCC support children with SEND and the way that school's access external support. For further information please see:

https://www.kelsi.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/215577/Support-for-Schools-Conversations-with-Parents-June-2025-Updated-180625.pdf

As a school we have been fully engaged in this process of change and look forward to working with our Community of Schools from September 2025.

Unfortunately, one of the consequences of these changes means that parent courses at Ifield SMILE, which are usually advertised here, will no longer be running. The Kent Adult Education Centre continue to run their parent courses on topics including Autism, Behaviour, ADHD, Family relationships and transition.

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/learning-with-us/family-learning/family-learning-parenting-courses/>

If you cannot find what you are looking for here or from the support groups below please do get in touch and we will try to help.



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-and-disabilities/listening-to-your-voice-and-taking-action/send-newsletter>



Kent Educational Psychology

Parent Consultation Line

The Parent Consultation Line is for parents to access a free 30 minute telephone or video consultation with an educational psychologist to discuss issues regarding their children's wellbeing and/or learning that are causing concern. The aim of this service is to support parents and carers in finding ways forward and possible solutions through a joint problem solving conversation.

Topics or areas that parents and carers may wish to discuss might include:

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

If you would like to access this service please:

Send an email to kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk to include the following information:

- name
- phone number
- 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.



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.

We provide a range of services to meet the educational, social and emotional needs of children, young people and families through our partner organisations.

For example, we can offer you help if:

- you are worried about your child's behaviour
- you are struggling to cope
- you are worried about your family finances
- your child is struggling to cope with bereavement
- your child is being bullied
- your child refuses to go to school or college
- you or your child want to develop new friends and have new experiences
- you are having difficulties with family relationships.

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



Kent School Health

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We are a team of school nurses and practitioners who work with children, young people and families in Kent. You do not have to be in school to use this service.

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:

- day and night-time wetting and soiling
- children and teen's sleep
- children and teen's behaviour
- children and teen's healthy lifestyle
- puberty and growing up.

Parents can find further information on services offered 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://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/ 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/ 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/>