



## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

Spring 2026



We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and welcome you back to an exciting 2026 at Rosherville.

This Newsletter is intended to keep you up-to-date with the latest news in SEND and point you in the direction of further support and help. Please also read the school's weekly newsletter which gives information on upcoming activities and dates.

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



## Changes to SEND in KCC

In the last newsletter I shared information on the changes to the way that KCC support children with SEND and the way that school's access external support. If you missed this you can access the information here:

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

## Changes to SEND nationally

There are changes afoot at National level too. On 11 June 2025, as part of the [Spending Review](#), the government confirmed that its intended approach to SEND reform would be set out in a schools white paper in Autumn 2025. This was then delayed to early 2026. For the latest information (17.12.25) please visit: <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/sn07020/>



## **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>

## **Training opportunities for parents and carers**

Most of this training is free and provided through charities and support services.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/support-for-parents-with-send-children/training-opportunities-for-send-parents-and-carers>



## 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](mailto: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

### Kent School Health

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/](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/>