



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Newsletter

**Need support with this document? - please see Mrs
Spencer, our Family Liaison Officer.**

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We hope you have had an enjoyable Easter break and welcome you back to our final 2 terms of the academic year and at our current site.

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 <https://www.rosherville.kent.sch.uk/news/>

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

Kind regards
Mrs Tracy Macfarlane
Inclusion Manager



Changes to SEND nationally

As you may have seen the Government has now published the delayed schools White Paper outlining major reforms for the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) system in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/every-child-achieving-and-thriving>

If you wish to comment, a 12-week consultation, "*SEND reform: putting children and young people first*," is open until **May 18, 2026**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-reform-putting-children-and-young-people-first>

Update on changes locally

We have now been running with the new system for top-up funding in Kent since September 2026. Whilst procedures are being reviewed and revised Rosherville is working with our Community of Schools to ensure we can provide the best for our children with SEND. If you would like further information on how the Communities of Schools work please do get in touch.



KCC SEND Newsletter - for updates, resources and activities



SEND newsletter

We send out our SEND newsletter once a term.

The newsletter has:

- the latest updates and improvements
- support and guidance
- events happening in Kent.

You'll also get news from the NHS, Kent Parents and Carers Together (PACT), Information Advice and Support Kent (IASK), and local charities.

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 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

Connect!

For neurodivergent children and young people aged 9 to 18 years old. Connect! offers fun, autism-friendly activities for children and young people who struggle to access groups, try new things and make new friends in a safe, comfortable environment.

Professionals or parents/carers can [make a referral through the online referral form](#).

[Visit the Connect! website to learn more.](#)

<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/>