



DSPL9 Support

DSPL is a Hertfordshire-wide partnership approach where parents, staff in early years settings and schools, further education colleges, local authority officers and representatives from other agencies, work together as part of an Area Group, reviewing and developing the range of provision and support services available to their local community that :

- Meets the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25, as close to home as possible.
- Improves outcomes for wellbeing and attainment
- Widens choice for children and parents/carers
- Removes barriers to learning
- Uses resources more effectively

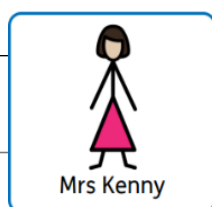


There are nine DSPL Area Groups across the county that meet regularly to discuss what services are available and to influence how services are shaped and developed to ensure the children and young people with SEND in their area receive the right support in their educational activities.

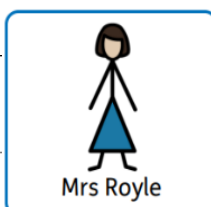
Please see the most recent **DSPL9 newsletter (attached)** which offers a range of support for families dealing with various needs at home and in school.

Examples of support for families contained in their newsletter:

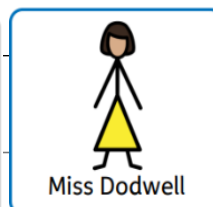
- EBSA support for parents – online courses. (Emotional based school avoidance)
- Coffee mornings for local parents and carers of children with SEND.
- Information around the SEND local offer.
- Support and courses for separated parents of children with SEND
- Nessie support webinars
- Potential Kids – extra curricular activities aimed at children with SEND
- Promoting Healthy lifestyle course for families
- MANY free workshops supporting children with SEND – from SPACE Herts and ADDvance – ADHD, Sleep, ASD support



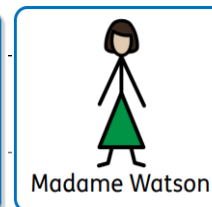
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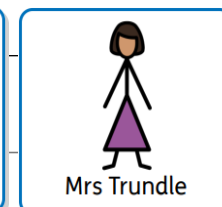
Mrs Royle



Miss Dodwell



Madame Watson



Mrs Trundle

School support

If you have any concerns about your child in school, regarding potential SEND or your child receiving SEND support, make first contact with your child's class teacher to discuss any concerns regarding your child's needs.

Class teachers can then make a referral, if appropriate, to the Inclusion Team. The team will discuss the needs of your child at an 'Inclusion meeting', in collaboration with Mrs Kenny.

The Inclusion Team:

Mrs Kenny (SEND/CO/DSP), **Mrs Royle** (Assistant SEND/CO), **Miss Dodwell** (Pastoral Lead/DSP),

Madame Watson (THRIVE practitioner/HLTA/MFL lead) and **Mrs Trundle** (THRIVE Practitioner/HLTA)

The team will provide feedback, advice, resources and next steps for the class teacher to implement within their Universal + teaching remit, or offer more targeted support/provision, where appropriate.

As parents, you will be given feedback from the class teacher, regarding any key reasonable adjustments implemented for your child, or you may be invited in for a meeting with one of the Inclusion Team to discuss your child in more depth.

You can contact the SEND/CO at - admin@highwood.herts.sch.uk **FAO – SEND/CO**, to arrange a phone call or an appointment.

Please note: Mrs Kenny works Monday – Thursday and most meetings take place on Monday – Weds. In her absence please speak to our Assistant SEND/CO Mrs Royle for advice or support.