

Additional Needs Newsletter – Pentecost Term 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,



As we move full steam ahead with the final term of the school year, I am looking forward and preparing for the next academic year. As part of this, I continue to develop our SEND offer within school, continually striving to enhance to provision we have at St. George's for children with SEND.



I would be extremely grateful if you could please complete my latest parent survey using the link below or by scanning the QR code. [SEND Parent Survey 2025](#) I welcome your contributions on our successes and areas we could improve further.

How can I contact the SENCO regarding concerns about my child?

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, in the first instance, please speak to your **child's class teacher and/or the SENDCo**.

We will always listen and work with you to support your child in whatever way we can. If you would like a meeting, please ring the school office on 01332 766815 or email senco@geo.srscmat.co.uk.

As always, please don't forget that, following the phone calls yesterday, you can access your child's SEND plan to look at their current targets, any provisions they may be involved in or to make comments on their targets.

This plan is available via our online system, Edukey via <https://edukeyapp.com/parent>

Please do ask your child's class teacher for your log on details, should you need them resetting.

Alternatively, you can always use the class email address to contact your child's teacher to address any concerns or stions you may have. Please use your child's class number followed by @geo.srscmat.co.uk.

For example: For Class 3, please use class3@geo.srscmat.co.uk

As always, we are here to work with you and so if you have anything you would like to discuss or change with regards to your child's targets in between your review meetings, please discuss this with the class teacher.

Where can I go for further support?

If you live in Derby City, you can access their local offer [here...](#)

If you live in Derbyshire, you can access their local offer [here...](#)


Alternatively, you can contact an independent advice service, [SENDIASS](#) for Derby City and [DIASS](#) for Derbyshire.


Transition support

The Pentecost term brings with it new challenges with regards to transition to our new classes/year groups. The priority pupil team and I are aware that this comes with high anxiety for many of our children with SEND and have therefore worked closely together to create specific intervention groups to support the children with this. The Local Authority are also running workshops for those families of pupil's with SEND regarding transition. Please see further details below.

I have also added in additional information about the current offer of support from the local authority as well as a number of events across Derby in May!

As always, thank you for your continued support, Best wishes, Mrs Holmes (SENDCo)

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Stranger families through support & friendship

**StartforLife**

Transition workshops for parents

For families, carers or supportive adults of children and young people aged 2-19 who are Autistic or have social communication needs

Is your child or young person moving into a new education setting?

Do they have social communication needs or awaiting a referral to the Paediatrician?

Come along to gain information and practical ideas on how you can support them with their transition into a new class, nursery, school or college.


Monday 28 April, 1-3pm at Becket Family Hub
Call 01332 640250 or email BecketFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk to book





Monday 19 May, 10am-12noon at Sinfin Family Hub
Call 01332 956967 or email SinfinFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk to book

Tuesday 20 May, 10am-12noon at Mackworth Morley Family Hub
Call 01332 208175 or email MackworthMorleyFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk to book

Please book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend.

Sessions are for adults only.

**Please scan for further information**





What are Family Hubs?


Get the advice and support you need whilst having fun as a family!


Derby's Family Hubs are here to welcome you and your family to find the help you need through support and friendship.


We offer a range of **free** activities, sessions, advice and support for families and young people aged from 0-19 years and up to 25 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.


**Becket Family Hub**
35 Stockbrook Street
Derby, DE22 3WR
01332 640250
BecketFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk


**Derwent Family Hub**
Manmouth Street
Derby, DE21 6BD
01332 641010
DerwentFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

**Mackworth Morley Family Hub**
Reigate Drive, Mackworth,
Derby, DE22 4EQ
01332 208175
MackworthMorleyFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

**Osmaston Allenton Family Hub**
60 Cockayne Street North
Allenton, Derby, DE24 8XB
01332 956850
OsmastonAllentonFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

**Rosehill Family Hub**
17-19 Lower Dale Road
Derby, DE23 4WY
01332 641315
RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

**Sinfin Family Hub**
345 Sinfin Lane, Sinfin Moor
Derby, DE24 9SF
01332 956967
SinfinFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

**Follow us on Derby Family Information Service Facebook page for regular updates facebook.com/DerbyFIS or scan here for further information**

SEN Support

The following workshops are suitable for families of children and young people 0-19 who are or might be Autistic. Book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend. **Please note these workshops are for adults only, we have no provision for children.**

What is Autism | Support session | Booking required

Find out more about the Autism spectrum and how you can support your autistic child or young person.

Wednesday 30 Apr	1-3pm	Osmaston Allenton FH (limited free creche places available)
Tuesday 6 May	6-8pm	Becket FH
Monday 14 Jul	1-3pm	Mackworth Morley FH

What is ADHD | Support sessions | Booking required

Find out more about ADHD and how you can support your child or young person.

Friday 2 May	1-3pm	Becket FH
Wednesday 14 May	6-8pm	Mackworth Morley FH

Using Visual Resources | Booking required

Find out how you can use visual resources to support your child's routines, communication and understanding. Take home your own set of visual resources to support your child at home. **Limited free creche places available.**

Tuesday 29 Apr	1-3pm	Derwent FH
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Communicative Behaviour | Booking required

Find out more about what drives your child's behaviour, learn strategies to support them and develop your own personal coping skills.

Thursday 10 Jul	1-3pm	Rosehill FH
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Understanding Social Communication | Booking required

Understand your child's perspective of social interactions and how you can support them.

Thursday 12 Jun	9:30-11:30am	Sinfin FH (limited free creche places available)
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FamilyHubDerby
Stronger families through support & friendship



Healthy Me Workshops - Encouraging Eating

Would you like information and support to encourage
your child to try different foods?

Come along for tips and ideas on how to provide a
balanced diet and how to support good eating habits

Friday 25 April, 1-2:30pm

Mackworth Morley Family Hub, Reigate Drive, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4EQ
Call 01332 208175 or email MackworthMorleyFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Wednesday 7 May, 3:30-5pm

Rosehill Family Hub, 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby DE23 6WY
Call 01332 641315 or email RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Thursday 22 May, 1-2:30pm

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub, 60 Cockayne Street North, Allenton,
Derby DE24 8XB
Call 01332 956850 or email OsmastonAllentonFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

Places must be booked – these sessions are for adults only



Please scan for
further information

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If you are a parent or
carer for a child aged between
0-19 and want advice or have
any worries **you can text**
the Parents and Carers
ChatHealth Service on:
07507 327754

We can help with all kinds
of things like:



Bedwetting/soiling/
toileting



Concerns about
hearing or vision



Feeding problems



Weaning



Emotional wellbeing



Behaviour



Speech concerns

We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Parents with children up to the age of 19 can contact us and we will ensure the relevant practitioner will respond. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other health care staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be sent between 9am and 5pm. If you need help before you hear back from us contact your GP, nearest walk in centre or dial 111. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from 16 mobile numbers only (texting does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some "burner" or "throwaway" mobile apps). To prevent the health professional from sending messages to you, text STOP to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

Text our confidential line **07507 327754** for advice and support

Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

NHS
Derbyshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and
out of School to help provide or find you support
about:

Keeping Healthy

Immunisations

Emotional Health

Weight Management

Sexual Health

Drugs and Alcohol

Smoking



Anxiety

Day and night wetting

Self harm

Sleep

Anger

We are here to support children
aged 5-19 and their families, across
Derby City.

Confidential

We provide a confidential service.
You can discuss personal information in confidence.

Qualified

School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified
nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education, and work with
a team to support you.

Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

**When and Where can I Access my
School Nursing Service?**

If you are a parent or
carer for a child aged between
0-19 and want advice or have
any worries **text the Parents
and Carers ChatHealth
Service on:**
07507 327754

NHS
Derbyshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

You can now get confidential
advice and support with any concerns
such as hearing or vision, feeding problems,
weaning, emotional wellbeing, and behaviour
or general health queries.

Text us for confidential advice and support.

Should you struggle to see key information on any of these screenshots, please do let me know and I can send them over to you personally.

Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager

Free online course for all parents, carers, and grandparents.

- Reading your child's behaviour and understanding their feelings
- Effective communication techniques
- Reflecting on your relationship and how to nurture your child's emotional health
- A transformative journey that can strengthen your bond with your child at every age

Designed by clinical psychologists in partnership with practitioners and parents



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Freddy's SEND

2025 SEN/D session will fall on:
Times remain the same 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 12th Jan
Sunday 2nd February
Sunday 2nd March
Sunday 6th April
Sunday 11th May -
due to the centre being closed on the 4th
Sunday 1st June
Sunday 6th July
Sunday 3rd August
Sunday 7th September
Sunday 5th October
Friday 31st October - SEN/D Halloween Party
2:30pm - 4:30pm
Sunday 7th December - SEN/D Christmas



SEND Law Clinic

The SEND Law Clinic is for parents/carers who are residents in Derby and Derbyshire who are seeking advice in SEND matters. The SEND Law Clinic aims to provide initial advice and offer signposting if the matter is beyond the expertise of the Clinic.
Online appointments for our SEND Law Clinic are held every other Wednesday afternoon during University semesters. Appointments are with two student volunteers with a background in Law and/or SEND.

Parents/carers will be provided with a client letter following the appointment setting out the issues, recommending potential remedies, and redress as well as signposting to further specialist advice where appropriate. There is professional oversight by a solicitor and a SEND specialist.

Wednesdays
1:00pm - 5:00pm**

You can make an appointment, please email studentlegaladvicecentre@derby.ac.uk

*Advice typically delivered online. **Closed during University Christmas, Easter and for a week during the summer.

Find out more:



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Sleep workshops | Booking required

Sensory Processing and Sleep

To sleep well, we need to feel calm, safe, and comfortable. Children and young people with sensory differences are often in a heightened state of anxiety and overwhelm before they settle, and then discomfort can stop them sleeping (and wake them up!). Nickie will explain how sensory differences affect sleep and how you can help.

Fri 6 Jun 12.30-3pm Becket FH

Autism and Sleep

Sleep is much harder for autistic children and young people for reasons that they cannot control; there are biological differences which get in the way. You may have had advice before, but normal sleep strategies often don't work and are based on out of date information. Join Nickie for a workshop on how being autistic affects sleep and what you can do to help (no taking away of screens!)

Wed 7 May 10am-12.30pm Osmaston Allenton FH

ADHD and Sleep

Sleep is much harder for children and young people with ADHD for reasons that they cannot control; there are biological differences which get in the way. They are often wired and busy at bedtime and cannot switch off. You may have had advice before, but normal sleep strategies often don't work and are based on out of date information. Join Nickie for a workshop on how having ADHD affects sleep and what you can do to help (no taking away of screens!)

Wed 2 Jul 6-8pm Virtual (available via Zoom)

Neurodivergence and Sleep

Sleep is much harder for neurodivergent children and young people for reasons that they cannot control; there are biological differences which get in the way. You may have had advice before, but normal sleep strategies often don't work and are based on out of date information. Join Nickie for a workshop on how being neurodivergent affects sleep and what you can do to help (no taking away of screens!)

Tue 10 Jun 6-8pm Virtual (available via Zoom)

For further details or to request the Zoom link to join on line please call Mackworth Morley Family Hub on 01332 208175.

A colorful illustration of a wooden signpost with three arrows pointing in different directions. The top arrow is red and points up, labeled 'FAMILY'. The middle arrow is yellow and points left, labeled 'SEND'. The bottom arrow is green and points right, labeled 'EVENT'. Two red balloons are floating around the signpost; the left one says 'May 24th' and the right one says '10 till 4'. The background shows a grassy field with flowers and a blue sky with clouds and colorful bunting flags.

May 24th

FAMILY

SEND

EVENT

10 till 4

The Museum of making

Join Derby SEND Voice Parent Carer Forum
for a day of all things SEND in Derby
There will be Lots of stalls,
information, organisations & Fun

For more details email
derbysendvoice@gmail.com

A circular logo featuring five stylized figures in different colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) standing in a row.

FREE DROP-IN

EVERY TUESDAY AND
WEDNESDAY 9AM - 11AM

For free walk-in advice on emotional
regulation, anger, anxiety, general wellbeing
and sign posting for mental health concerns.

10/11 St Mary's Gate, Derby, DE1 3JR



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Neurodiversity & Me

Saturday 10 May
12pm to 4pm
ST Luke's Church,
128 Parliament St,
Derby, DE22 3RT

STALL HOLDERS

TIME2TALK

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WEALTH



Autism Advice

Wellbeing Wise

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Al-Humayra



Spectrum Heads



Kelsey Family CIC



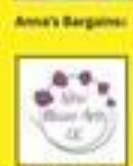
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NeuroHub



Your Voice Derby



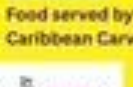
Anna's Bargains



New Bloom Arts



Crystal Goddess



Freckle Creative Learning



Walford Wellbeing



Calm Mind Solutions



Botanical Legs Art



Derbyshire Constabulary



Mindful Making Zone

Food served by
Caribbean Carvery



For further info contact: time2talkderby@gmail.com
or WhatsApp: 07726 706519



Neurodiversity & Me

PERFORMERS



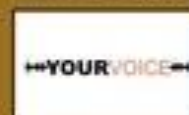
Charlotte has been a storyteller all her life with credits on Broadway NY, the West End and the 1 Tour of the UK.



Get ready for puns, poems, and plenty more, as Willow Millard takes to the stage with their signature style of musical comedy!



Through the power & creativity of music, TIF Choir sing at a variety of events all over the UK, to raise awareness of such conditions & to become the voice for those currently suffering in silence.



Join Joanne and her community, Your Voice Derby, embrace neurodiversity and empower self-expression through live music singing lessons, song, be heard, be you - where every voice shines.

For further info contact:

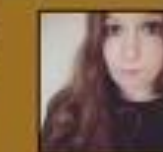
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Singer, songwriter & musician Raphael Tate became known to UK audiences during his performance on TV's Strictly Come Dancing. Raphael impersonated the 'Northern Soul' James Brown.



Through Music, TIF Choir work everyday to build acceptance and inclusion for the SEN community.



Arly is a spoken word artist who wears her heart on her sleeve and expresses her deepest emotions through the power of words.



Charlotte Bottom is a singer, songwriter and has played 1000+ festival dates and has been played many times on BBC Radio stations.



Matthew is a spoken word artist who breaks down barriers through his compelling storytelling. Navigating life with Autism and ADHD, his work challenges stigma, explores mental health, and celebrates neurodiversity.



For her all-encompassing performance of 'Sound the Trombone' - live work as to lead the Derbyshire Ensemble for first place in 2021.



Neurodiversity & Me

TALKS

Neurodiverse Beauty Queen

Adrienne Robinson is an advocate and representative for those with disability particularly Dyspraxia



Symptoms & Diagnosis

Talk by Shelley Asafo Adjei from Neuro Hub Derby about how you can spot signs and what help is available.

When I grow up I want to be a cat Surviving the education system with Asperger's by Madeleine Levy

Employment & coping mechanisms
By Spectrum Heads talking about what help is available to cope at work.

Effects of substance abuse
by Kelsey Family CIC talking about what support is available for those affected directly and indirectly by substance abuse

Confessions of a neurodiverse panel
with Katie Walford & Gabbi.
Pose your questions to those with lived experience of neurodiverse conditions.

For further info contact: time2talkderby@gmail.com
or WhatsApp: 07726 706519

Many of these screenshots were found on Facebook. It really does have a wealth of information so do have a look on there!