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Welcome to the Autumn 1 newsletter for SEND.

Click the pictures to take you to websites and videos for support.

Welcome to the start of academic year 2026!
We look forward to working with you across the year whether your child has a diagnosis of additional needs, if you are exploring, or looking for some specific support. We help to signpost parents and carers to our school and local offer. We also appreciate recommendations and suggestions from our Ashley SEND community.

SUGGESTION

SEND & INCLUSION SUGGESTIONS



Inclusion Team - Who's Who?



Miss Clifford

Assistant Head: Wellbeing & Pastoral
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), behaviour, attendance, disadvantaged pupils, EAL, inclusion and more!

Mrs Athersuch
Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
Deputy DSL, liaising with external professionals, coordinating and monitoring SEN provision and more!



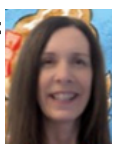
Miss Porter

LSA & Home School Link Worker
Deputy DSL, HSLW, Nurture Provision, Young Carers (Carers Club) and more!



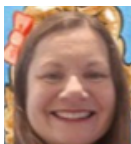
Mrs Murray

As part of our pastoral graduated approach, ELSAs do direct support with pupils, but also with school staff about how to develop emotional literacy



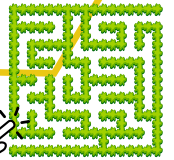
Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA)

Mrs Kent



Courses & Support

Navigating the Maze: webinars for parenting neurodivergent children & young people



SURREY ADULT LEARNING

Free online parenting courses for anger, resilience, routines and lots more!



Highly regarded 'Stepping up for Autism' parenting course with other support available. Please contact SENCO for a referral. This can lead to 1:1 sessions with parents if required.



Wellbeing Support Groups
Free groups and workshops including anxiety



Surrey's Positive Parenting Course for ADHD



National Autistic Society

Surrey Branch

Local Autism Groups and Support



Onlie advice and in-person support for girls in particular



autistic girls network



Independent guidance to parent carers of children and young people with additional needs aged 0-25 in Surrey.



A Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service for parents & carers of children and young people with SEND.

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Benedict's Law

New allergy safety requirements are coming to schools in England



We are streamlining our systems for individual health care plans for children with allergies and medical needs. Please look out for contact from school to ensure we have the most up to date information.

Sensory Challenges with Clothes?

We understand that for many children, school uniform clothing can heighten sensory processing difficulties. We want to work with families to find clothing that both supports their sensory needs and is in line with the school uniform policy. Below are a selection of suggested brands that families have been more successful with when it comes to comfort and durability and cost. Thank you for the recommendations. Click the pictures for links.

JETTPROOF

BGreater

SensorySmart ADAPTIVE CLOTHING
GETTING DRESSED WITHOUT THE STRESS

George. M&S

fledglings
Since 1998



Clip on or elasticated ties in Ashley colours



Neurodiversity Training



A new Department for Education-funded Neurodiversity Training Package will be launched on 23rd September 2026, providing every school and college with access to high-quality, free training resources designed to strengthen inclusive and neuro-affirming practice.

Developed and delivered by Whole School SEND and nasen. We have been working with Whole School SEND and nasen for a number of years now and hope to continue the good work and continue to train our teachers and learning support staff.

Experts at Hand

As the new academic year begins, Surrey is developing the first phase of the 'Experts at Hand' offer, a new national programme introduced by the Department for Education (DfE) as part of national SEND reform.

The Experts at Hand offer is designed to give mainstream early years settings, schools and post-16 providers greater access to specialist education and health expertise. The programme, made possible by additional funding from the Department for Education, is designed to support earlier identification of children's needs, strengthen inclusive practice and build workforce confidence and capability.

Experts at Hand will complement existing services by providing access to specialist advice, guidance, coaching and workforce development, helping more children and young people succeed within their everyday education setting.

September marks the start of the programme, rather than the full delivery of the long-term Experts at Hand offer.

The first phase will focus on establishing the foundations of the service and understanding local needs.

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Autism Outreach
for Schools

Freemantles School provide a range of printable help sheets, guides, resources and training for parents and carers of children with autism. We are supported by them using their expertise in supporting pupils with ASD and communication barriers.

Next SLT Coffee Morning: Friday 16th October - 9.15am

Relational practice in education is a whole-school approach that places meaningful, respectful relationships at the core of teaching, learning, and daily interactions. Instead of relying heavily on traditional, punitive behaviour management systems, relational practice shifts the focus toward connection, emotional safety, and understanding the root causes of behaviour.



SEND Support Plan Reviews:

If your child is on the SEND register, by the 10th October, their most recent targets will be reviewed by their teacher and support staff. You will be able to log into Edukey to leave a comment in the review section. Click the picture for a 'how-to' guide! This will be helpful information for parent consultations the following week. Revised plans with refreshed targets will be available to see from the 6th November.



Upcoming Workshop



Reserve your place – Emotion Coaching & ELSA techniques at home parent/carer workshops – Ashley School

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In-person & online: click for details

Key Email Addresses

We actively encourage parents and carers to communicate with us and sometimes there are important messages to share with key people. Urgent items should always be telephoned through to the school office but below are some of the most useful email addresses for parents to share information

parents@ashley.surrey.sch.uk.....via office
head@ashley.surrey.sch.uk.....headteacher
dsl@ashley.surrey.sch.uk.....safeguarding concerns
senco@ashley.surrey.sch.uk.....SEND concerns
hslw@ashley.surrey.sch.uk...Home School Link Worker



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Family Advice Webinars

Have you accessed any of the Family Advice webinars? As an Ashley parent, you can use discount code: AP290125 to access them for free!



October Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Understanding The Teenage Brain	6 Oct 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	6 Oct 7pm
Supporting A Child With ADHD	13 Oct 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	13 Oct 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	14 Oct 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Oct 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	20 Oct 10am
Facing Defiance	20 Oct 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	21 Oct 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Oct 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	23 Oct 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	27 Oct 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	27 Oct 7pm
What Is ACT?	28 Oct 10am
Introduction To OCD	28 Oct 7pm



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