



# Hucknall Flying High Academy

## SEND Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023



Monday 18th September 2023

### Welcome

Welcome to Hucknall Flying High Academy's first termly SEND newsletter. We have had a brilliant start to the school year, and we are really looking forward to the upcoming academic year. I am Mrs Hitchen the school's newly appointed SENCo I have worked at Hucknall Flying High Academy in Key Stage One since the school opened in September 2019.



### SENCo's role

As a SENCo my role is to make sure that our school SEND policy is operating daily and that there is the correct provision and support in place for the children within our school.

Throughout the school year you are more than likely to communicate with your child's class teacher. However, class teachers are in regular communication with me. Any concerns are raised directly and discussed to ensure they are fully understood. Parent/carer comments or concerns relating to SEND are passed on. The SENCO, with parent/carer consent, is able to seek advice from external agencies, if this is appropriate.

As SENCO I will visit each class every half term, and more often if needed, to observe or offer support. In addition to this some of my duties include supporting with assessments, completing referrals, sending enquiries to outside agencies, submitting EHC requests, completing SEN reviews, monitoring data and arranging training for staff.

If you have any concerns about your child or feel they may have any additional needs, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

At the end of this newsletter you will find a series of services that you can readily access for free.

### Drop in Coffee Mornings

Every half term I will be hosting a SEND drop in coffee morning in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, this is an opportunity to ask any questions. Our first coffee morning will take place on **Friday 6th October** between **9 & 10AM**.

### Snack & Chat

Every week on a Wednesday I will be hosting a drop-in session in the Year 1 classroom. This is open to all children to come in and discuss how they are finding their learning and if they need any support. Children's voice is paramount to SEND provision after all they know themselves better than anybody! Our first snack and chat will take place on **Wednesday 20th September**.

### Homework Club

As requested by many parents during the Summer SEND reviews. I will be running a homework club from the Year 1 classroom every Thursday lunchtime. KS2 (12 children) homework club will run from 12:00-12:30 and KS1 (8 children) will run from 12:30-1:00PM. Children have been selected for this half term by conversations with parents or with class teachers. If you would like your child to be considered for Autumn 2 please let your child's class teacher know.

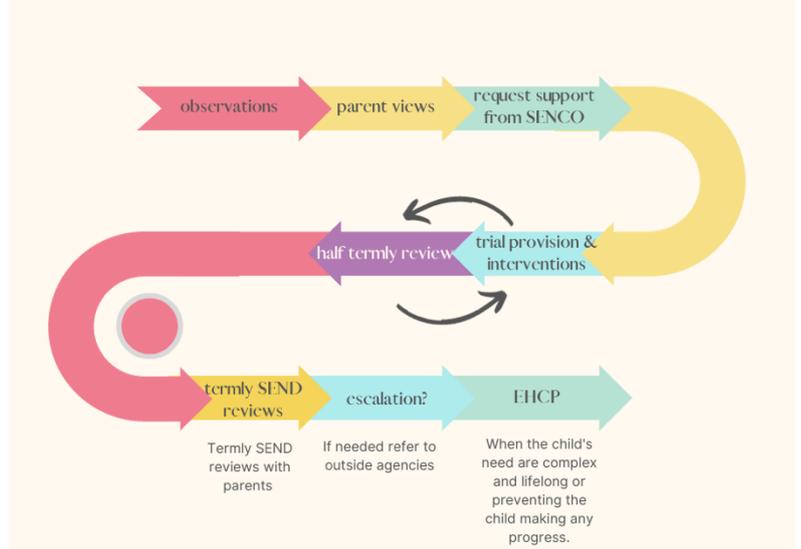
### Review Meetings

Review meetings are held for children on the SEND register (SEND support), three times a year (November, March and June). During the first week of October, we will be holding an additional SEND review meeting for those children that we feel need discussing sooner. I will be in contact with those parents shortly with a date and time. All SEND review meetings will be held with myself and child's class teacher and are an opportunity to discuss progress and update their Provision Map. Any child included on our SEND concern list will be discussed at parent/carers' consultation evening. However, please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any concerns outside of these times in the first instance. I have an appointment system which is available to book via the office, preferably by email. These will be available most weeks at 3pm on Thursday and 9am on Friday.

## SEND at Hucknall Flying High Academy

The SEND section of our school website will be undergoing a refresh during the coming weeks. Please keep your eye out for any changes. As part of the SEND Code of Practice, we follow the graduated approach (please see attached). This means we step up support in a gradual process to ensure we are providing the correct support needed. Nottinghamshire Local Authority requires evidence of this to provide any further support such as additional funding or visits from external professionals.

Hucknall Flying High Academy SEND Identification flowchart.



## Children's Mental Wellbeing

If you are concerned about your child's mental wellbeing please speak to your child's class teacher who can help sign post, you in the right direction. In school we offer an ELSA provision with our two qualified ELSA's these are Mrs Dempsey and Miss Wilkinson. An ELSA leaflet can be found over leaf.

You can also refer your child to yourself for support to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS) through the following website: <https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-self-referral/>

You can also find additional support and help through BeUNotts: <https://www.beusupport.co.uk/>

## Nottinghamshire's Local Offer

Nottinghamshire's Local Offer Local authorities provide details of the services and provision that are available to families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

<https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/localoffer.page?newdirectorychannel=9>

Ask Us Nottinghamshire is the local Information and Advice Support Service (IASS) for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. They offer a range of advice from signposting, to one to one advice for complex issues. <https://askusnotts.org.uk/support/parents-and-carers>



### SEPT/OCT PARENT CARER DROP INS

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For parent carers of children and young people with autism and/or learning disabilities up to the age of 25 in Nottinghamshire

	Thurs 21st Sept	13:00 - 14:00	VIRTUAL
	Virtual session via Microsoft TEAMS.		
	Weds 27th Sept	10:00 - 11:30	WORKSHOP
	Thoresby Room, Worksop Library, S80 2BP Coffee & Crafts Drop In		
	Tues 3rd Oct	10:00 - 11:30	RETTFORD
	Retford Family Hub, Spa Lane, DN22 6EA Coffee & Crafts Drop In		
	Thurs 19th Oct	10:00 - 11:00	VIRTUAL
	Virtual session via Microsoft TEAMS		

No Need to book - Just come along

Join us for a cuppa and a chat

SEN Advice Available

Please email [thekey@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:thekey@nottsc.gov.uk) for the Virtual Sessions link

Becki and Helene from the Keyworking Service Peer Support Team hold regular drop in sessions around Nottinghamshire where you can speak to other parents, access SEN advice and signposting to other helpful organisations. We also run workshops and activities for young people.

To join our mailing list or for enquiries email - [thekey@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:thekey@nottsc.gov.uk)



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## Emotional Literacy Support Assistant ELSA

### What is an ELSA?

ELSAs are emotional literacy support assistants. They are support staff who have had special training from educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school. ELSAs have regular professional supervision from educational psychologists to help them in their work.

### How does my child access support from an ELSA?

Requests for ELSA support come through the SENCO after discussions with class teachers, parents and ELSAs.

### What is the role of an ELSA?

To provide support for children's social, emotional and behavioural needs and therefore support mental health and well-being. This is achieved by giving them skills to understand and regulate their emotions, giving confidence in themselves and improving self esteem. ELSAs also help support bereavement, young carers and any overwhelming situations children may have or be experiencing

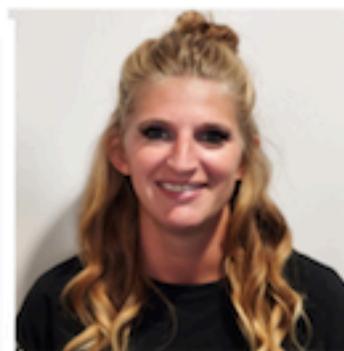
### What happens in an ELSA session?

Normally, ELSAs deliver six 20 minute sessions, which start with getting to know the child to build the relationship. The sessions are tailored to the individual's needs and are very different for each child. The sessions might focus on calming strategies, recognising and regulating emotions or may just be time to talk about something that is worrying them. It is not counselling or therapy.



Betsan Dempsey  
ELSA lead

Betsan oversees the pastoral provision delivered at HFHA and generally runs KS2 ELSA sessions.



Rachael Wilkinson  
KS1 ELSA

Rachael works as a TA in year 2 and delivers most KS1 sessions.



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Sept/Oct 2023

Hello from *Becki and Helene*, the Peer Support Team at the Nottinghamshire Keyworking Service.

Please do come along to a drop in for some coffee and cake, we have SEN advice available, information and signposting to useful organisations. You can also get in touch to find out more about the Keyworking service and activities on offer. **LOOK FOR THE LION ON THE TABLE.**

DATE/TIME	AREA	VENUE	
Weds 6th Sept 13:30 - 15:00	WEST BRIDGFORD	Cedar Room, West Bridgford Library NG2 6AT	Coffee & Craft Afternoon SEN Advice available 
Weds 13th Sept 10:00 - 11:30	MAPPERLEY	Haywood Rd Centre Haywood Rd NG3 6BA	Coffee & Crafts Drop In SEN Advice available 
Mon 18th Sept 10:00-11:30	NEWARK	Café @ YMCA, Lord Hawke Way NG24 4FH	Coffee Morning Drop In SEN Advice available 
Tues 19th Sept 10:00 - 11:30	BEESTON	Upstairs @ Bendigo Lounge 55 High Rd, NG9 2QJ	Coffee Morning Drop In 
Thurs 21st Sept 13:00 - 14:00	VIRTUAL	Virtual session via TEAMS	Please email <a href="mailto:thekey@nottsc.gov.uk">thekey@nottsc.gov.uk</a> for the link
Mon 25th Sept 10:00 - 11:30	MANSFIELD	TU Vida Offices, 54a Nottingham Road, NG18 1BN	Coffee & Crafts Drop In SEN Advice available 
Weds 27th Sept 10:00 - 11:30	WORKSOP	Thoresby Room Worksop Library S80 2BP	Coffee & Crafts Drop In SEN Advice available 
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Thurs 12th Oct 10:30 - 12:00	KIMBERLEY	Rumbletums Café Victoria St NG16 2NH	Coffee & Craft Drop In SEN Advice available 
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**Schools and Families Specialist  
Services**

**Cognition & Learning Team**

## **PARENT EVENT: Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting at Home**

This 2-hour webinar is suitable for the parents and carers of learners who have been identified as having dyslexic traits

We will cover what we understand by the term dyslexia and the implications it has for learning

We will then provide lots of practical tips for supporting these learners at home

### **Course Details**

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**VENUE: via Microsoft TEAMS**

(joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session)

The course presenters will be **Bridget Thornhill** and **Ruth Screeon** from the Cognition & Learning Team, Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**This is a FREE event and there will be no charge in attending**

**TO BOOK** Ctrl + Click Link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/677967307467>

**Closing date: Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 12:00 noon**

Enquiries – Judith A Knight : [sfss.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:sfss.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk) or Tel: 0115 854 6464



## Schools and Families Specialist Services

### Cognition & Learning Team

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PARENT EVENT: Supporting your child as they move secondary school

### General Outline

Is your child due to transfer from primary to secondary school in Nottinghamshire? Do they have an additional need that may require some extra support with transition?

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 can be an exciting, but challenging time for a child and for their parent or carer. This session will help parents and carers support their child to say a positive goodbye to primary school and prepare for the secondary school environment. **We will look at practical ideas and resources to use with your child to enable a smooth September start.**

### Who is this event for?

This is a free online event for parents and carers of children with additional needs who are resident in Nottinghamshire, or whose child attends or will be attending a Nottinghamshire school.

### Course Details

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**VENUE: via Microsoft TEAMS**

(Joining instructions will be sent out prior to the session)

The course presenters will be **Kate Eyre** and **Laura Leedham** from the Cognition & Learning Team, Schools & Families Specialist Services (SFSS)

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**This is a FREE event and there will be no charge for attending**

**TO BOOK via Eventbrite Ctrl + Click Link below here:**

**<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/678034638857>**

You will receive a joining invite to your email inbox after booking on Eventbrite.

**Closing date: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 at 12:00 noon**

Enquiries – Judith A Knight: [sfss.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:sfss.sjrw@nottscc.gov.uk) or Tel: **0115 854 6464**