

# “Speech, Language and Communication”

**Wednesday 7th November 2018**

**FREE for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, and teaching professionals in Dacorum**



Our fourth annual conference is focusing on the theme of Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN). This is a common thread across many of the areas we focus on and can be part of many different diagnosis's, for instance dyspraxia,

dyslexia, ADHD and Autism. There are a range of skills involved in SLCN these include attention and listening, interpreting facial expressions and tone of voice, remembering spoken information, understanding individual words, understanding the meaning of phrases, and knowing how to respond. Expressing yourself and responding through talking, body language and expression are also part of the SLCN.

We welcome Emma Reed and Kate Purser, speech and language base leaders at Chaulden and Longdean school who will be explaining the principles around the Word Aware model a whole school approach to developing children's vocabulary. We also have Dr Kathryn Weston, who will be talking about the role of language in raising resilient children. Her talk will cover;

- The role of family life and relationship in building children's resilience;
- The role of language in shaping resilience and children's sense of self;
- The role of language in building academic resilience and confident learners.

Similar to last year we will run a series of discussions groups on SLCN and dividing groups between early, years, primary and secondary, post 16 and professionals. This is your opportunity to feed into what our future priorities should be.

There will also be opportunity to look around the information stands from local organisations, who support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Dacorum.



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**9.30 am until 2.30 pm  
(registration from 9am)**

At  
South Hill Centre,  
Cemetery Hill,  
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JF

**Lunch & Refreshments  
provided**

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To book your free place,  
please email Ashley Fabray:  
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**Please confirm the school  
attended by your child and  
which category discussion group  
you would like to attend e.g.  
Early years, Primary,  
Secondary, Further Education or  
Professional**

**Together with any dietary or  
access requirements.**

*A limited number of disabled  
parking is available at the South Hill  
Centre. The nearest public car park is  
the Water Gardens, which is a short  
walk down Cemetery Hill and across  
the Leighton Buzzard Road.*

Unfortunately this year we are  
unable to fund parking

**\*Please note\* this Conference is only  
open to Dacorum parent/carers,  
schools and settings.**