

Parent Post





Welcome to our Summer Newsletter

This month we welcome back Priya Dam who has returned from maternity leave.

Welcome back Priya!

As we approach the summer holidays we have collated some Family Fun ideas together with Autumn term workshops and courses.

The SFW team will be available Monday to Friday for telephone support from 19th July to 27th August.

Summer Holiday Contacts: Telephone/Email Support available between 9am & 3pm

Monday: Julie Cain—07398 096858 Cheryl Bodrozic—07535 704247
Tuesday: Kim Bates—07432 364475 Cheryl Bodrozic—07535 704247
Wednesday: Oyin Kalejaiye—07535 704255 Cheryl Bodrozic—07535 704247
Thursday: Priya Dam—07584 018053 Cheryl Bodrozic—07535 704247
Friday: Kelly O'Connell—07984 578408 Cheryl Bodrozic—07535 704247



Welwyn Garden City & Hatfield Schools Partnership



www.wqc-hatfieldschoolspartnership.com

Other Support Service Contacts are available via our website.





Our Autumn 2021 Workshop Calendar



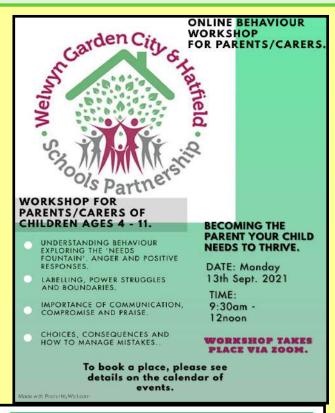
AutumnTerm events for Parents & Carers

21st Sept- 12th October 13th Sept 9.30-12.00 30th Sept - 25th Nov Behaviour 12.30-2.30 (Tues 9.30-11.30(Thurs only) only) For Parents of Primary aged Children 8 Week Who's in 4 Week Anxiety in Children Charge Venue TBC **Held via Zoom** Held via Zoom 4th & 11th Oct 14th & 21st Oct 10th Nov - 1st Dec 9.30-11.30 7.30-9pm 9.30-11.30am Behaviour Beginning the (Weds only) journey into SEN For Parents of 4 Week Anxiety Secondary aged Held via zoom in Children Children Held via Zoom Held via Zoom 30th Nov & 7th 23rd Nov 14th Dec 12.15-2.45pm 12.30-2.30pm 9.30-12.30 **Behaviour** Behaviour Beginning the journey into SEN For Parents of For Parents of Primary aged Children Secondary aged Children Held via zoom Held via Zoom **Held via Zoom**

To book any of our workshops on this page please use the link or the QR code below to register:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=7dQcDe8MAkOFBbgT5pKWbJTJkhId_TBIno7EQukGov5U QzJZQk5CWEM4UDRJQTlUTTFKQjNQNlpWNC4u







A 9 week Child to parent violence (CPV) programme aimed at parents whose children are being abusive or violent towards them or who appear to be out of parental control.

The structure of the programme consists of 8 x 2.5hour sessions with a 2 month follow up session

COURSE Dates

- Thursdays 9.30-11.30am
- 30th Sept-25th Nov
- (except 28th October) Venue TBC but will be in Welwyn Hatfield

FREE

calendar of events flyer above for the booking link







UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

Free 4 week course for parents

- · What is anxiety and what might it look like?
- · What does it feel like and what might cause it?
- · How can we help our children to manage it?

The course will be run by School Family Workers with the WGC & Hatfield Schools Partnership who have a wealth of experience of working with families.

Places are limited. To secure your place

please use the booking link on our calendar of events above.

We look forward to seeing you!

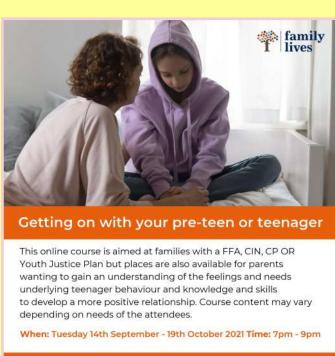
Dates: Tues 21st Sept-Tues 12th October 2021 (Tuesdays only)

Time: 12.30-2.30pm

Where: Zoom on-line workshop

Family Learning from our Local Partners





For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk







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SEPTEMBER 2021 COURSES

Low cost and fully funded learning, open to Hertfordshire residents



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10.00am to 12.00pm	Mindfulness for Beginners Online course	Phonics Online course		Beginners	Social Media for Business Online course	Coding with your child Online course
10.00am to 12.00pm		Photography for Beginners Online course	Family Fortunes Online course		Becoming a Classroom Helper Online course	
9.15am to 12.15pm					Succeed & Get That Job – ESOL Online course	
QUALIFI	CATIONS IN ENGLISH	& MATHS AVAILABLE	-Please visit <u>www.hertfordshire.</u>	gov.uk/englishandmaths t	o find out more	
1.00pm to 3.00pm	Mindfulness for Work Online course	Get Blogging Online course	Getting Back into Work Online course	Introduction to Film 8 Media Face-to-face course Borehamwood	L .	
1.00pm to 3.00pm	Brilliant Boxes Face-to-face cours Borehamwood	e	Family Health Online course	Build your Skills – Wo & Excel Face-to-face course Stevenage	rd	

Book online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hafls











Family Learning from our Local Partners





Handling anger in your primary aged child with Autism or ADHD

Funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE, this six session CANparent Quality Award evidence-based course is for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children from 5 to 11 years.

Facilitated by Lesley and Francine who are trained, qualified and experienced facilitators and parents too, with 20+ years of personal & professional experience.

This course will enable you and your family to:

- √ Gain greater understanding of anger dynamics in your family
- Understand the root causes and triggers of anger in your family
- ✓ Learn proven & effective strategies that will reduce anger in your family
- ✓ Discover new ways to communicate prevent anger before it occurs
- ✓ Learn safe and creative ways for children to 'let go' of emotions
- Create a calmer family and enable everyone to understand & talk about emotions safely
- √ Increase emotional regulation in your family
- ✓ Meet other parents in calm, judgement-free interactive groups



Where: Online via Zoom

When: Mondays 'Lunch & Learn' 12pm to 2pm

September 13th, 20th, 27th October 4th, 11th, 18th How: Email Francine & Lesley bookings@famillesinfocus.co.uk family

Bringing up confident children for parents of children with ADHD/ASD (online group)

Worried about your child? Join our online group and get support to help your child feel more confident and happier. This is an online group and will be delivered via MS Teams.

When: Every Thursday, 16th September to 21st October Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am

For more information, contact Louise on 0204 522 8700 or 8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk



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The Big Summer is back, and will be taking place between 2-22 August across the borough of Welwyn Hatfield. There will be a wide range of fun activities taking place for children, teenagers and families to get involved in.

You can find lots of places to go and things to do from arts and dance to sports. All events and activities are available on the Big Summer event

https://one.welhat.gov.uk/bigsummer

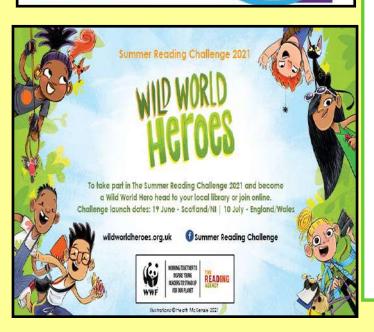
things are looking much happier



This summer, thousands of free weekday spaces are available at activity camps happening across the county for children aged 5 to 16, who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals! Choose from an exciting programme of fun sports, healthy meals and enriching activities!

Your school will have sent you your HAPpy Booking Code, which you need to access bookings. Please speak to them if

Got your code? Now book your activity at: sportinherts.org.uk/hafhappy



Check out Summer Family Activities at:

https://one.welhat.gov.uk/events

https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/



Fit, Fed and Read Summer 2021 is providing sessions for children aged 8-11 years who receive free school meals.

August 2nd to August 26th

10am - 2pm Monday -Thursday

Visit the website to find out more:

https://sportinherts.org.uk/sport-for-social -change/fitfedread/

When booking please use the code FFR2! to ensure your child's free place.



Supporting Young People in Welwyn Hatfield

YCH Services for Young People is part of Hertfordshire County Council and provides youth work projects, information, advice, guidance, work related learning and wider support for young people.

Further details on what they offer can be found here:

http://wgc-hatfieldschoolspartnership.com



Child Safety Online:

A practical guide for parents and carers whose children are using social media

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media apps and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences, and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets, and games consoles.

But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.



Understand the risks children may need to deal with

What they could see or do:

- Seeing or sharing of violent, sexual and pornographic content
- Inaccurate or false information and extreme views
- Promotion of harmful behaviours including self-harm, anorexia and suicide
- Over-sharing of personal information
- Actively or unintentionally getting involved in bullving or hurtful behaviour

Who they might meet:

- People who might bully, intimidate or frighten
- People posing behind fake profiles for:
 - Mischief-making
 - Sexual grooming and stalking
 - Blackmail and extortion
 - Identity theft and hacking

How this could affect them

- Fear of missing out leading to excessive use or exaggeration
- Getting upset by things they have seen and being uncertain about what to do
- Engaging, or being pressured into engaging in more risky behaviour either by accident or by design
- Developing unrealistic, and perhaps depressing ideals of body image and gender
- Becoming subject to peer pressure or interactions that are intense or too difficult to handle
- Creating an online reputation that may create problems for them in the future











Practical tips to help minimise the risks your child might face

It's good practice for apps and websites to have safety advice and well-designed safety features which can make a real difference to how safe your child will be when using them.

Work through safety and privacy features on the apps that your child is using, or might use. Make sure they understand the point of these and how to use them. Don't be put off by believing your child knows more than you: the tools are actually quite easy to manage.

- Ask them to show you which social media apps they use and what they like about them. Talk about how they use them and what makes them so engaging.
- Explain how you can use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts & images.
- Check if any of their apps have 'geo-location' enabled, sharing their location unintentionally.
- Show them how to report offensive comments or block people who upset them.
- Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed. Also, get people's consent before sharing photos.
- Encourage your child to come and talk to you if they see anything that upsets them.

Keep talking and stay involved

In a mobile age, children can't be completely protected, even by the best privacy controls; another child may use different settings. So it's important to keep talking to your child about the implications of social media. Getting a sense of what they think is a useful place to start; you may be surprised by how much thought they may have given to the issues.

Encourage your child to think carefully about the way they, and others behave online, and how they might deal with difficult situations.

- People may not always be who they say they are online: how can this create problems?
- Why is it unwise to meet anyone in the real world that you've only ever met online?
- Even if you think your messages are private, remember that words and images can always be captured and broadcast.
- People present themselves differently online - do they really look like that? Are they always having that good a time?
- Be aware that screens, and especially being anonymous, can lead people to say things they wouldn't say to someone's face.
- What does being a good friend and a likeable person online look like?
- There can be pressure to be part of a particular group online or to be seen to be following a certain set of ideas. How can you take a step back and make your own decisions?

For more information

You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

- www.childnet.com/sns
- www.internetmatters.org
- www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety
- www.parentzone.org.uk
- www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents
- www.askaboutgames.com

To make a report

Concerned about online grooming or sexual behaviour online? Contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

If you stumble across criminal sexual or obscene content on the internet you should report it to the Internet Watch Foundation:

www.iwf.org.uk

Looking after your mental health and wellbeing



Information for Children and Young People

Websites

Just Talk is a multi-agency campaign, steered by young people and coordinated by the Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council. The website hosts helpful resources about current issues. The site is updated frequently, so keep checking back. https://www.justtalkherts.org/

Health for Kids / Teens cover subjects that promote a healthy body and mind. All the content has been produced by school nurses, other health and wellbeing experts, and most importantly young people.

Ages 11-19 https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/hertfordshire/

Primary age https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/ (There's also a section for parents and carers)

Apps / National websites

There are several apps to support mental health and Wellbeing. You are responsible for ensuring apps are appropriate for your age and needs.

You may consider the ThinkNinja app: As a direct response to the COVID-19 situation, Healios have updated ThinkNinja with specific COVID-19 content. This will bring self-help knowledge and skills to children and young people (10-18 years old) who may be experiencing increased anxiety and stress during the current situation. https://www.healios.org.uk/services/thinkninja1

Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. On this web page you will find lots of information about how to look after your mental health at this time https://youngminds.org.uk/

Information, advice and guidance

Herts Mind Network have a **helpline** for children and young people aged 10-17. The helpline provides a safe, non-judgemental space to talk to a Young People Advisor or Mentor who will provide emotional support, advice and information and discuss coping strategies. For opening hours and more information please visit the website https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/young-peoples-helpline. The helpline number is **01923 256391**. Herts Mind Network also have a Young People's online group for those over 15.

You can find out more here: https://www.hertsmindnetwork.org/young-peoples-online-group

Chat Health is a text messaging service for all secondary school aged pupils in Hertfordshire. It is a confidential service and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. Young people can message for advice on all kinds of health issues such as sexual health, emotional health and wellbeing, bullying, healthy eating and any general health concerns. The text number is: 07480 635050. Secondary school pupils can also follow the School Nurse Team on Instagram at teenhealth.hct.

Kooth is an online counselling service for anyone aged 10-25 in Hertfordshire. You can access a **chat / messenger** service, discussion boards, goal setting tools and a journal and a magazine. The website is moderated by trained professionals. You need to register but it is anonymous. https://www.kooth.com/

YC Hertfordshire Services for Young People provides youth work, information, advice, guidance, work related learning and support for young people. You can contact a Youth

Worker or Personal Adviser for one to one and project groupwork support by calling **0300 123 7538**, emailing yc@hertfordshire.gov.uk or visit https://www.ychertfordshire.org/

School – although staff at your school are very busy keeping everyone safe, you can still approach your pastoral team at school for advice and guidance.

Further support

If you are experiencing mental health difficulties that are significantly interfering with your ability to do the things you normally do, please contact (or ask your parents or carers to) Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust Single Point of Access **0800 6444 101**. This line is open 24/7 and can direct your enquiry to a number of specialist services depending on your needs.

The Wellbeing Service offers short term support to people that are 16 or over with mild to moderate mental health issues such as depression and anxiety (so you can let your parents or carers know about it too). You can visit https://www.northessexiapt.nhs.uk/hertfordshire for more information about the service and to self-refer.

There are four community counselling organisations covering Hertfordshire:

YCT (East and North Herts)	Youth Talk (St Albans)		
http://www.yctsupport.com/	http://youthtalk.org.uk/		
Telephone 01279 414 090	Telephone 01727 868684		
Rephael House (Welwyn and Hatfield)	Signpost (Watford and Hemel areas)		
https://www.rephaelhouse.org.uk/	http://signpostcounselling.co.uk/		
Telephone 020 8440 9144	Telephone 01923 239495		

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The School Nursing Team can provide some support around emotional difficulties and parents can refer directly from this page: https://www.hct.nhs.uk/forms/school-nursing-form.asp You can read more about the School Nursing Team here: https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/

Already working with a Service?

If you are currently receiving support from a service or have been recently discharged, you can contact the service if you are struggling with your mental health. Most have a duty line which you can find out by looking on a letter they have sent you.

Need help now?

If you, a friend or family member are experiencing a mental health crisis, please call: **0800 6444 101**. This line is open 24/7. If you need physical health treatment in an emergency go to your nearest Accident and Emergency department or call 999 and ask for an ambulance.

Childline: If you're under 19 you can confidentially call, email or chat online about any problem big or small Freephone 24h helpline: **0800 1111**

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help **text YM to 85258**

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