



**Kings Langley
Secondary**



**Bedmond
Primary**



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Primary Academy**



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Primary**



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Primary**



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Church of England
Primary**

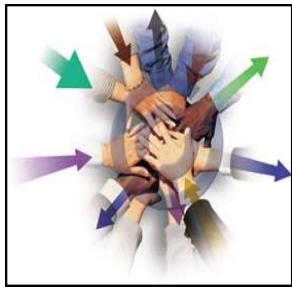


**St Pauls Chipperfield
Church of England
Primary**

Kings Langley Partnership of Schools

Working Together to Prepare our Children for the Challenges of Tomorrow

Student & Family Services A Guide for Parents



Our Schools Partnership support programme is now an integral part of every school in our area which allows us greater access to a wider range of support for children, young people, parents and the wider community.

Kings Langley School leads the Partnership of Dacorum Schools and the aim is that by working together with our Partnership schools and other agencies we aim to provide a broader range of support, services and activities that will benefit your child's opportunity to develop, live and learn but also to support families and the wider community as well.

Working with the Schools within this Partnership, we are fortunate to be able to provide a wide range of activities within the local area already.

More importantly however, by working together we will be able to share resources and facilities and offer a wider range of activities to all the children and their families within our communities.



Student & Family Services



The Kings Langley Student and Family Services team is an integral part of the School's pastoral programme of support. As well as supporting the students it will also provide support to parents. Within the Student and Family Services Team we offer support from our Family Support Workers who can provide a wide range of support to all of our families. We have staff with a wide range of experience who can access support from other specialist agency teams including support from Health professionals as well as Children's Services and other teams within the local authority.

Within school the team employs its own School Counsellor, Student Mentors and Personal Advisers from Youth Connexions. Finally the team has links to other local organisations that can provide a range of help, support and advice to both students and their families

Partnership Services



Our Schools Partnership works with the local community and other organisations to provide children, their families and the local community with a range of services and activities that will help improve children's achievement, wellbeing and more opportunities to succeed in a wider variety of areas.

As a Partnership of schools we work together to share resources and facilities to offer a wider range of activities to all the children and their families within our communities. Support includes the provision of parent support services where the school has access to a family support worker who is available to work in school and with parents at home, pupil support services where the school employs dedicated school counsellors who will work in school with students who wish to receive support for their emotional wellbeing. We offer specialist support where we work closely with a wide range of local and national agencies to help families access any form of support they may need.

After School Provision

As a school, we offer an extensive programme of before and after school activities aimed at providing all children with a safe and stimulating environment to be in both before and after school. This is also an opportunity for the students to experience other ways in which they can have opportunities to get involved in new activities and interact with students from other year groups.



The school also offer an extensive extra curricular programme which includes sports, drama and a wide and extensive range of activities that your child can be involved in. These activities vary from term to term and information is circulated at the start of each term.

Support for Your Children

A key area of the work of our Schools Partnership is ensuring those children and families who have particular needs are supported. Working with our own in school counsellors, student support workers and external agencies who can provide other specialist support, we are able to provide additional one-to-one and group support for your children. Work undertaken includes supporting your children with behaviour issues, emotional difficulties, preparing them for changes and transition, dealing with difficult situations and stress, for example at exam times, or just giving them the opportunity for some individual support in school.



In addition we are also able to help families in accessing additional support for your child if their needs are greater. We have access to local agencies who can provide therapeutic and counseling services which can help provide a greater level of support in particular in promoting increased self esteem, improved emotional wellbeing and positive mental health.

Key agencies we work with include school health services, Youth Connexions, Youth Mentoring services, local mental health services, local behaviour support services, and much more.

School Counselling Service

An increasing number of children are encountering difficulties in school that are not necessarily education related. Behaviour difficulties, self esteem and confidence challenges, emotional difficulties and stress related issues are presenting themselves at a younger age. For those of secondary age, the transition from child to young adult can also be challenging.

Kings Langley is able to offer an in-house Counselling Service to all our students who may be encountering such difficulties and provides support and guidance through these times. The Counselling service supports student's emotional wellbeing and work will be delivered on a one-to-one basis to listen to any concerns and provide advice, guidance, information and support. To access this service contact form tutors or the Key Stage offices within the school.



Parent Support Provision

Our Parent Support Programme is now an integral part of the work that our Schools Partnership provides and through Hertfordshire's Family First Partnership. The Kings Langley Schools Partnership team can provide a range of Family and Parent Support services who can support with any concerns a family may be facing with their child at home or at school. Issues may be varied, for example:



- ❑ **Changing Schools (transition phase)**
- ❑ **Financial Concerns**
- ❑ **Issues with friendships**
- ❑ **Family breakdowns**
- ❑ **Managing challenging behaviour**
- ❑ **Temperamental teenagers**
- ❑ **Helping with your child's learning**
- ❑ **Loss or bereavement**
- ❑ **Housing Concerns**
- ❑ **Bullying**
- ❑ **Being in an abusive relationship**
- ❑ **Social Media and E-Safety**
- ❑ **Communicating with your child**
- ❑ **Issues with smoking, drugs or alcohol**

Support can be provided in the form of support groups, one to one support and advice, signposting to specialist agencies or help or purely someone with whom families can share concerns they may be facing and discuss what options they may be facing. One key aspect of our Parent Support work is the range of courses and workshops that we are able to provide on a wide variety of subjects all relating to managing children's behaviour, support at key transition points and a wide range of family related issues. These are run throughout the year and are free of charge to parents.

Help with Specialist SEND Support

Within our Partnership we have a specialist Family Support worker with specialism in SEND. Their role is to provide support to families who may be facing difficulties with getting the right support, a diagnosis for SEND, working on securing and Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), support with behavior at home, accessing additional services and accessing specialist activity programmes.



The SEND Family Support worker will work with families on an individual basis to understand their specific challenges and work with them on developing plans of support. Please email klpadmin@kls.herts.sch.uk

Help with Specialist Support

Working very closely with many of the central support services within Hertfordshire, our Schools Partnership are also able to support families in accessing support and help in times of particular difficulty. We work very closely with our schools in supporting them when undertaking assessments within families so that we are able to help schools and families obtain a wider variety of support from specialist agencies.



More information about services for families can be found through the Hertfordshire Family First website—www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/families-first



Specialist Support Services

Family Lives Confidential, impartial advice and support line for parents open 24x7 Tel. 0808 800 2222 text 0800 7836783
Email: parentsupport@familylives.org.uk WWW.familylives.org.uk

DENS Food Bank—available without referral offering 3 food parcels to anyone 01442 262274 www.dens.org.uk/need-help

Relate Counselling for people experiencing relationship difficulties, open office hours. Tel. 0845 4561310

Children, Schools and Families Call Centre Concerns about a child at risk open 24x7 tel. 0300 123 4043

Frank Free and confidential helpline for advice on drugs open 24x7 tel. 0800 776600
Email: frank@talktofrank.com www.talktofrank.com

Herts Mind Network Providing a range of mental health support and services to adults and young people.
www.hertsmindnetwork.org and www.youngminds.org.uk

ADD-Vance Supporting parents and carers of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Tel. 01727 833963

DSPL 8 Local organisation offering advice and support in relation to Special Educational Needs and Emotional Wellbeing
Www.dacorumspl.org.uk

Dacorum First Credit Union A savings & lending co-operative. Tel. 01442 240250 www.dacorumfirst.co.uk

Benefits Enquiry Line All enquiries about entitlements. Tel. 0800 882200

Jobcentre Plus—Want to make a claim? Want to find a job? www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk

Free School Meals—Are you receiving income support. You may be entitled to Free School Meals. For more information or to apply visit www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals

Citizens Advice Bureau Free, Independent, impartial advice & information. Tel. 01442 213368

Youth Connexions—The Information, advice, guidance and support services for all 13 to 19 year olds in England.
Email: enquiries@connexions.hertscc.gov.uk

The Sunflower Centre—Advice, information and support for victims of domestic abuse, race and hate crime. Services are free and confidential. Contact: 01923 215180