

Training Offer for Parents/Carers in the North Kent Quadrant 2024-2025



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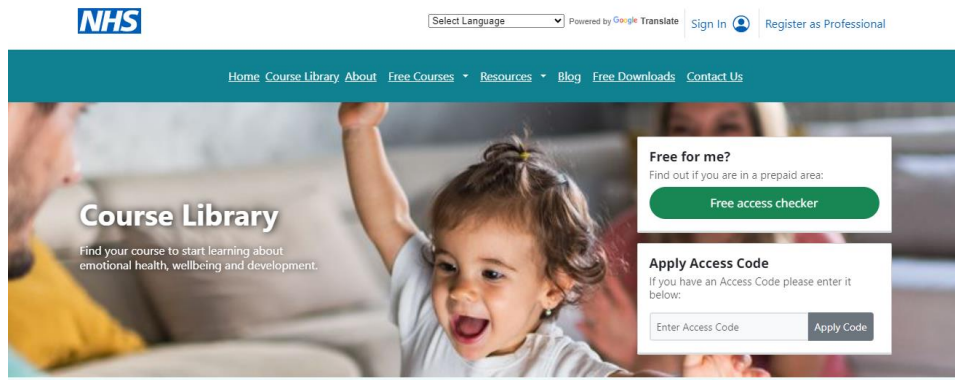
Courses for parents/carers

Name Of Course Or Programme	Date	Duration	Phase Of Education	Aimed At:	Open To Applicants from:
Exploring and Improving Communication Skills	21/10/24	9.30-11.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	Area
Demand Avoidant Profiles in Autism	23/10/24	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	11/11/24	9.00 – 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*
Starting the Autism Journey	19/11/24	9.30-12.00	All phases	Parents/Carers	Area
Basics for Behaviour	16/12/24	9.30-11.30	Primary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	07/01/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Autism in the Early Years	24/01/25, 28/02/25, 21/03/25, 25/04/25, 23/05/25	9.30-12.00	Early Years	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	03/03/25	9.00 – 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*
Anxiety and Autism	25/03/25	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	23/04/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Autistic girls – exploring difference	06/05/25	9.30-12.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Dyslexia (SPLD)	24/06/25	10-11.30	Primary, Secondary	Parents/Carers	Area
Makaton Level 1	09/06/25	9.00 – 3.30	All phases	Parents/Carers	District*

* Only for parents/carers who live in Gravesham or whose child attends a Gravesham school or setting – see More than Words information on Page 24 for alternative Makaton training.

Solihull Approach training

<https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/courses>



This training is free to access for parents/carers

The access code for Kent parents/carers is *invicta*

Modules available

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby: for women couples
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your preterm or sick baby in hospital
- Understanding your preterm or sick baby now you're home
- Understanding your child: from toddler to teenager
- Understanding your child with additional needs
- Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your child
- Understanding your teenager's brain
- Moving up to secondary school for children with additional needs
- Understanding the impact of the pandemic on your teenager
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only!)
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your own trauma



<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/>

Neurodiversity

ADHD
Let's talk about ADHD

Autistic Spectrum Condition
BOSA assessment

Speech and Language Therapy

Early Language and Communication
Let's get talking
Helping your child's social communication
Supporting early interaction workshop
Top tips for talking
Using visual support

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
Communication Book
Communication Board
Starting out with signs and symbols
Kent and Medway Communication and Assistive Technology Service (KMCAT)

Feeding and swallowing
Fussy feeder workshop

School aged language
Introduction to SLCN
Parent/carer workshop SLCN – school age
School staff workshop SLCN – Primary school age
School staff workshop SLCN – Secondary school age
Transition to secondary school
Using visual support at school and home
Language through colour
Colourful semantics
Supporting children to understand and use oral narratives
Using a framework to develop reasoning skills

Speech sounds
Top tips for speech
Sounds fun
Phonological awareness
Minimal pairs
Cued articulation
A guide to generalisation of sounds

Hearing Impairment
Auditory discrimination
Hearing loss simulation

Selective mutism
Session 1: Understanding selective mutism
Session 2: Effective, round-the-clock support
Session 3: Implementing a small-steps programme
Session 4: Generalisation and transitions
Session 5: Additional considerations for secondary+

Stammering
Fluency – Top Tips
Supporting your child's fluency: An online parent workshop for children under the age of 8
Supporting your child's fluency: An online parent workshop for children over the age of 8

Occupational Therapy

How to help your child have fun / Meal times
Socks and Sausages

Sensory processing
Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing - Part 1
Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing - Part 2
Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing - Part 3
Sensory circuits

Physiotherapy

Being active
Exercises to make you stronger



Coordination and motor development
BEAM warm-up example

Hypermobility / Posture and back care
Core stability
Exercises to make you stronger

Under 2s development
Prone prop / Tummy time
Rolling
Lying to sitting
Supported four point kneeling
Half kneeling
Kneeling to standing
Sitting to standing
Standing
Cruising
Walking with a push along walker
Gym ball activities


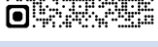
Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)



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Attention Deficit Attention Disorder (ADHD)





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Speech and Language Therapy

Early language and communication



	Title:	Let's get talking (Workshop training)
	Section:	Early language and communication
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Let's get talking is very comprehensive. The different sections include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aims Language and Communication Development Top tips for talking Language tree with strategies x 2 Special times Sharing books Visual support systems Why visual support? Bilingualism and Language development Bilingualism – advice for parents Next steps Summary slide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for parents in your local area Questions What to expect in your first therapy session Stages of play development Stages of communication development Bilingualism FAQ sheet Stages of language and communication development Stages of attention development |
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Section: Early language and communication

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Title: Supporting early interaction workshop

Section: Early language and communication

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Title: Top tips for talking

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Title: Using visual support

Section: Early language and communication

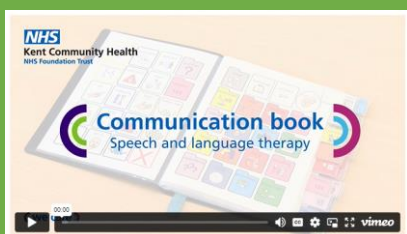
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Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



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Section: AAC

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Feeding and swallowing

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Hearing impairment



Title: Auditory discrimination

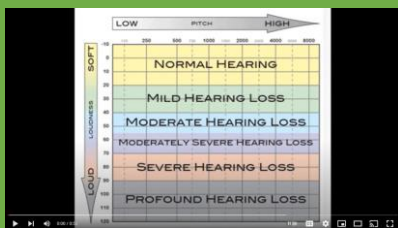
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Title: Hearing loss simulation

Section: Hearing impairment

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School aged language



Title: Introduction to SLCN

Section: School aged language

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Title: Parent/carer workshop SLCN – school age

Section: School aged language

Duration: 20 minutes 50 seconds



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Title: School staff workshop SLCN – Primary school age

Section: School aged language

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Title: School staff workshop SLCN – Secondary school age



Section: School aged language

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Title: Transition to secondary school



Section: School aged language

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Title: Using visual support at school and home



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Title: Language through colour

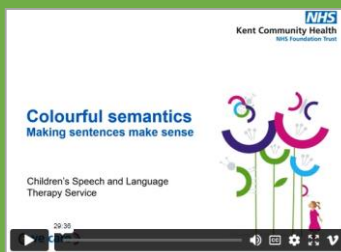


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Title: Colourful semantics



Section: School aged language

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Title: Narrative: Supporting children to understand and use oral narratives

Section: School aged language

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Title: Using a framework to develop reasoning skills

Section: School aged language

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Training which is being developed currently and will be added to the section above, when complete: **Active Listening & Vocabulary**

Selective mutism



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Title: Session 2: Effective, round-the-clock support

Section: Selective mutism

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Title: Session 3: Implementing a small-steps programme

Section: Selective mutism

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Title: Session 4: Generalisation and transitions

Section: Selective mutism

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Title: Session 5: Additional considerations for secondary+

Section: Selective mutism

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Speech sounds



Title: Top tips for speech

Section: Speech sounds

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Title: Sounds fun

Section: Speech sounds

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	Section: Speech sounds
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	Section: Speech sounds
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	Section: Speech sounds
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	Section: Speech sounds
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Stammering

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	Section: Stammering
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Section: Stammering

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Title: Supporting your child's fluency: An online parent workshop for children over the age of 8

Section: Stammering

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Occupational Therapy

How to help your child have fun / Meal times



Title: Socks and Sausages

Section: How to help your child have fun / Meal times

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Sensory processing



Title: Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing - Part 1

Section: Sensory processing

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 <p>The senses</p> <p>Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing Part 2 The eight senses</p> <p>24:25</p>	<p>Title: Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing - Part 2</p> <p>Section: Sensory processing</p> <p>Duration: 24 minutes 25 seconds</p> <p>← QR code</p> <p>Weblink→ Click here</p>
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Physiotherapy

Being active

 <p>EXERCISES TO MAKE YOU STRONGER</p> <p>07:51</p>	<p>Title: Exercises to make you stronger</p> <p>Section: Being active</p> <p>Duration: 7 minutes 51 seconds</p> <p>← QR code</p> <p>Weblink→ Click here</p>
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Coordination and motor development

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Hypermobility



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Title: Exercises to make you stronger

Section: Hypermobility

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Posture and back care



Title: Core stability

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Under 2s development

Strategies and advice

There are many ways to support a child's motor development. Watch these short film clips for ideas and advice.

Title: Prone prop / Tummy time



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Title: Rolling



Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Lying to sitting



Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Supported four point kneeling



Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Half kneeling



Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Kneeling to standing

Section: Under 2s development

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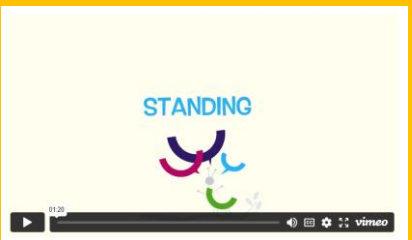
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Title: Standing

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Title: Cruising

Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Walking with a push along walker

Section: Under 2s development

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Title: Gym ball activities

Section: Under 2s development

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Kent and Medway Communication and Assistive Technology Service

The KM CAT Team offer free pre-recorded, on-demand webinars on a range of topics related to using Alternative Augmentative Communication (AAC). These are available via The Education People website.

Why Teach Literacy to Non-verbal Children and Young People?

[Click here to view product](#)

Beyond Requesting: Extending the Communication of Children with ASD

[Click here to view product](#)

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC): Little and Often

[Click here to view product](#)

Inspired Voices Parent Training

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Introduction to the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice

[Click here to view product](#)

ASD and VOCAs. What are the factors for success?

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Eye-Gaze Technology: What you need to know

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When Handwriting or Communication is a Challenge

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Kent Family Hubs

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/kent-family-hub>



Get the local support and services you need, with Kent Family Hubs.

You might be a parent, carer, child, or young person. With Kent Family Hubs, you can find advice, support and services to help throughout your family journey, from newborns to 19-year-olds, or up to 25-year olds with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

What a family hub offers

Each family hub offers different services for local families. They will also be able to point you toward other sources of help or advice. These can include:

- antenatal classes
- baby clinics
- breastfeeding advice
- childcare advice
- drop-in sessions for parents and children
- early education
- opportunities to get involved with local support
- parenting guidance and support
- services for children aged between 0 and 19
- services for children aged up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- support for young people and local youth groups
- support for parents of children and young people
- training or finding a new job.

[Check out what your local family hub has to offer.](#)

Kent Adult Education

Family learning



Family Learning Parenting courses

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/learning-with-us/family-learning/family-learning-parenting-courses/>

Our Parenting courses are not about being a perfect parent - more about discovering that other people's experiences are the same. Parenting courses are not intended to be interventions and the tutor will not tell parents 'how it's done'. Rather, they are discussion-based with time to share experiences, ideas, concerns and possible solutions.

Courses available

Autism Awareness (8 hours)

Building Family Resilience - helping families through difficult times (8 hours)

Confident Parent, Confident Child (8 hours)

Exploring Behaviour Strategies (2 hours)

Fathers Matter (2 hours)

Learning through Play (8 hours)

Let's Talk About Bullying (2 hours)

Moving on from Difficult Family Relationships (12 hours)

Restoring Family Relationships (2 hours)

Stepping up into Primary (2 hours)

Stepping up into Primary With Crafts (2 hours)

Stepping up into Secondary (2 hours)

Stepping up into Secondary Extra (4 hours)

Supporting ADHD in the Home (8 hours)

The English Education System (2 hours)

Understanding your Teenager (8 hours)

Who's Pulling the Strings (10 hours)

We are BEAMS



Our mission is to provide comprehensive support services to children and young people with any form of physical, learning or sensory impairment living in Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks and the surrounding areas.

We aim to support the whole family through a range of services that directly benefit and assist those dealing with the challenges of raising a disabled child.



1-1 Advice



Fathers Club



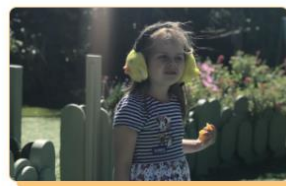
Parent Support



Education Support



Parenting Programmes



Autism and ADHD

Contact us

If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call or complete the form to send us an email.

CALL 01322 668501

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BEAMS

parent support groups



FAMILY ADVICE SUPPORT GROUP – BEAMS

We are Beams will be running a Family Advice Support Group at Ifield Smile

10.00am – 12pm

15th October 2024

3rd December 2024

4th February 2025

1st April 2025

20th May 2025

1st July 2025

This support group is led by our Family Advice Team at Beams and is for parents and carers of children with disabilities – everyone welcome.

To book a place, please telephone 01474 536924 and request a booking form. On booking, an email and contact telephone number must be given. Booking forms are also available on the Ifield website www.ifieldschool.com

Sessions are free.

Refreshments will be provided

Further support



SUPPORT GROUPS - WORKING WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Autism South East www.autismsoutheast.co.uk
(Support Group for Families)

Beams (We are Beams) wearebeams.org.uk
(Advice, support, activities and respite)

Gravesham Children's Centre and Early Help-
www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-help-support-for-families
<https://www.facebook.com/GraveshamCC>
(Support for families)

Kent Autistic Trust (KAT) www.kentautistictrust.org
(Family support service - adults and children, advice and support)

National Autistic Society (NAS) www.autism.org.uk
(The largest autism charity in the UK. They have a directory of services for adults, autism helpline information and advice plus run various schools and care homes around the country)

Tree Tops www.treetopsclubs.co.uk
(Breakfast, After School Clubs and Holiday Camps)

Waterside Centre <https://watersideparentscentre.wordpress.com/>

More than Words Charity

<https://morethanwordscharity.com>

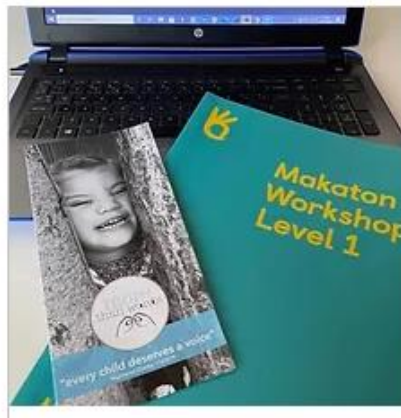


More Than Words is a Kent-based charity that offers FREE Makaton sign language training to the parents and carers of disabled Kent children with communication difficulties.


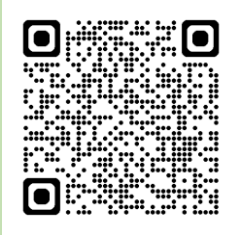

We run regular training either online or in different locations across Kent, responding to demand. We can also provide Makaton training to individuals, Early Years settings, and Schools for low costs.

In addition to training, we host inclusive events for children with communication difficulties, their siblings and their families. These include online sensory sessions, signed story times, and day trips out.

Information about our services, courses and events are all available on our website or via our various social media avenues (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).



Contacts & booking

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