

- Does your child find it hard to concentrate at school?
- Is school providing your child with extra help in class?
- Does your child have difficulties with behaviour at home?
- Are you concerned that your child might have a special educational need or disability?
- Has there been a discussion with school about their additional needs?
- Do they have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), which has specific targets for them?

We are the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Team, and we offer support to schools so that they can help young people and their parents and carers when they are experiencing difficulties in school and home life.

In the past there has been the need for the time-consuming process of applying for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) to get additional support in school. And EHCPs are only available to a minority of children, those who have significant SEND difficulties.

We aim to improve this by providing help to schools as early as possible and to a wider group of children. This means schools can apply and have access to the resources they need quickly. In addition, each school now has an allocated SEND Support officer who provides advice and support for children with SEND. We have also recently established a Social, Emotional and Mental Health team, where schools can access support and advice from the specialist outreach team from Maplefields Special School. And we know that we have more we need to do...

## Meet the Team events for parents and carers

We are running drop-ins in February and March, where the local team are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers to find out how we can provide guidance and help in supporting your child.

This is in particular for those children who have had a special educational need identified, but they don't need to have received a formal diagnosis or have an EHCP. We would like to find out what is really important to you and your child, and how we can work more closely together to support local families.

To meet your local team and to find out how you can get advice and support, you can join in with our parent network events. This could be dropping in to chat to an educational psychologist or advisory SEND specialist, you may want to hear from our specialist team about a range of topics, or just pop in for a coffee to talk about our plans. You can meet us in:

- **Corn Market Hall, Kettering NN15 7QA**
- **28<sup>th</sup> February @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm**
- **Priors Hall Park Community Centre, Corby NN17 5EB**
- **7<sup>th</sup> March @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm**
- **Rushden Hall, Rushden NN10 9EP**
- **21<sup>st</sup> March @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm**

To register for the events, or for more information, please contact: [pamela.hobart@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:pamela.hobart@northnorthants.gov.uk)

Please give your name and phone number with your child's name, date of birth and their school

Unfortunately, we cannot offer creche facilities. There is parking available nearby at all of these venues.