

Advice and Support at Hunton CEP and in Kent

At Hunton Primary School, if you have concerns about your child's learning or progress, you should firstly speak to your **Class Teacher** for advice and support as they know your child best.

The **SENCo** is **Mrs Wichall**, she is in school on **Tuesdays** and can be contacted via the school office for further advice and support.



Please also see below for some useful information for families. These are some key contacts available in Kent to offer support and guidance to families of those with SEND.

Kent PACT (Parent and Carers



<u>Kent's Local offer</u> offers lots of support and guidance for families: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities



IASK- Free impartial and confidential information, advice and support about SEND.

Helpline: 03000 41 3000 Telephone: 03000 412 412 Email: iask@kent.gov.uk Website: www.iask.org.uk

YoungMinds

Young Minds- If you are a parent needing help, you can contact the Young Minds Parent Helpline on 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri from 9:30am to 4pm). The Young Minds 'Crisis Text Messenger Service' is a free service for young people experiencing a mental health crisis. A young person can contact their messenger service by text to: 5258 (available 24/7).

SAMARITANS

<u>Samaritans-</u>Offer a safe place for anyone to talk. You can talk to them about whatever's getting to you (you don't have to be suicidal to contact them). They offer 24/7 support and can be reached on: 116 123 (free to call and won't appear on your phone bill).

Community Paediatrics-

Helping children with developmental disorders

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such as cerebral palsy, autism, muscular dystrophy and ADHD: https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/community-paediatrics/

<u>This Is Me</u>— More information and resources supporting a This Is Me needs summary: https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/this-is-me-resource-hub/

<u>Education Health and Care Plans</u>- Information and guidance to support applications for an assessment for an EHCP and the Annual Review process: https://www.kelsi.org.uk/specialeducation-needs/special-educational-needs/education,-health-



Kent PACT (Parent and Carers
together)- Offering support, advice
and sharing successes to families
of those with SEND. Contact via
Facebook or via the website:
http://kentpactnew2022.co.uk/get
-in-touch/



<u>Space 2 be me-</u>Supporting the child, parents/carers and the whole family of those with SEND. Contact via info@space2beme.org.uk or on 01622 764566

<u>BEAMS-</u> A local charity that supports disabled children, young people and their families with family advice, short breaks etc. Contact on 01322 668501 or via the website: https://wearebeams.org.uk/contact/



<u>The Kent Autistic Trust-</u> A charity providing support for people with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other associated difficulties. Contact via the website: http://www.kentautistictrust.org/contact

Occupational Health / Physiotherapy-

The Pod has been developed by the Children's Therapies Service, provided

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by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust, on here, you will find films, resources and links that can help your child achieve their therapy goals: https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/

Speech & Language Therapy Service- Speech and language therapy provides treatment, support and care for children and young people who have difficulties with communication, or with eating, drinking and swallowing. Please follow the link to find further information plus some helpful watch at home videos via The POD: https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/speech-and-language-therapy/

Early Help- Providing services and support to children, young people and families in Kent. For example, if you're worried about behaviour, struggling to cope, family relationships, bereavement, family finances or socially. They can be contacted via the school or children's centres: https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-help-support-for-families