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QUICK LINKS – NEW THIS WEEK & NEWS

TRANSITION PHASES

Transitions - school/college/work

Choosing the right school for your family

<u>Supporting the Transition to Primary School - FREE ONLINE</u> WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 12 May 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

Supporting the Transition to Secondary School - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 19 May 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

Navigating the SEND World Post 16 Tickets, Thu 8 May 2025 at 10:00 | Eventbrite

Talking ASD & ADHD: Coping with Change (763) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 21 May 2025 at 19:30 | Eventbrite

Talking ASD & ADHD: Stress & Anxiety (762) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 14 May 2025 at 09:30 | Eventbrite

<u>Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk)</u> Pre-recorded webinar, workshops for parents / carers and young people and links to the guidance docs.

Anxiety, Stress, and Panic 6

Support on a page

These resource documents are now available to download from the Local Offer. You'll find them all on the relevant pages in the <u>Services for Children and Young People's area on the Local Offer website</u>, or you can download them with the links provided below.

- Speech, Language and Communication (pdf 166kb)
- Neurodiversity (pdf 195kb)
- Learning difficulties (pdf 143kb)
- Deafness and sight loss (pdf 145kb)
- Physical needs (pdf 144kb)
- Behaviours that challenge (pdf 181kb)
- Mental health (pdf 204kb)





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ADD Vance now this week/seming seen	Angels Support Groups this week
Understanding PDA	SUPPORT GROUPS: IN PERSON & EVENINGS
PDA Online Support Group	What is an EP and what is their role
Transition to Primary School	Understanding and Supporting ADHD
NEW TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL	NEW UNDERSTANDING PDA
NESSie this week/coming soon	Child Wellbeing Practitioners
WHEN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO ATTEND	SELF ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
SCHOOL	DEVELOPING CHILD'S EMOTIONAL LITERACY
	EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND REGULATION
	WELLBEING WORKSHOP
AUTISM HERTFORDSHIRE	
FEMALE VOICE GRUP: BODY IMAGE & BODY POSITIVITY	
(AGES 18+)	
Recorded Webinars (various topics) Neurodiversity	Herts Card -
Support	additional needs database (previously
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pe human"	MAY 15TH 2025 6:30PM TO 8:30PM GREENSIDE SCHOOL SHEPALL GREEN STEVENAGE SG2 9XS
rsations in education and connected spaces that we all need	
ŀ	Transition to Primary School NEW TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL NESSie this week/coming soon WHEN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE STRUGGLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL AUTISM HERTFORDSHIRE FEMALE VOICE GRUP: BODY IMAGE & BODY POSITIVITY (AGES 18+)



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	This session is for staff and parents. Please follow the instructions on the flyer to book a space, and please share with any parents who may need support.	£10 TO ATTEND – SPACES ARE LIMITED BOOKINGS: EMAIL ADMIN@GREENSIDE.HERTS.SCH.UK
Help us improve the	Colleagues from our SEND Resolution Service (the team that manages complaints and appeals about EHCPs) would like to hold a parent carer experience group.	If you are interested and would like to find out more, please email sendstrategy@hertfordshire.gov.uk.
process	If you are a parent carer who submitted a stage 1 complaint, which has since been	
for Stage 1 SEND complaint	closed in the last 3 months, the team would love to hear from you. A stage 1 complaint is the first stage of the formal complaint process.	We are holding the first session on Thursday 8 th May, 10-11am , online. If you cannot make this date and time but would be interested in
s (all ages)	What will the group be like? The group will help the Resolution Service gain an understanding of your experience with the SEND service and how we can share this learning to the wider service to enable improvement and development, with a focus on seeking early resolutions for families. A member of the team will be there, and service managers from other teams may also attend, to hear feedback abut other parts of the SEND system, too.	taking part in the future, please get in touch and we can contact you ahead of the next session.



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SIGNPOSTING				
Signposting	Previous Weekly, Parent Guide : <u>News</u>			
The <u>SEND</u> Local Offer	A friendly face from the Local Offer team will take you through what's on the website and how you can use it to find the right services and support. SEND 0-25 years			
The SEND Community Directory	The SEND Community Directory is a great way of finding a wide range of community activities, su services for families and young people with SEND. Click <u>HERE</u> for details.	pport groups and		
Head Up!	Student Mentoring for 14-18 year olds Accepting new signups for 2025 mentoring programme. Free scheme run by disabled students and graduates, suppo self-identify as disabled (or anyone who has a physical/mental health condition, SpLD, or neurodiverse). Click HERE for a physical physical physical health condition, SpLD, or neurodiverse.	=		
'My Health Information Document' (ages 11-17)	The 'My Health Information Document' contains important health information about young people aged 11-17 with health needs or special education needs, or both. It can be used by health professionals to make sure that the young person can access effective support and also help them prepare for the transition into adulthood. More Information click HERE. Pupils view click HERE.			
Duke of Edinburgh's Award projects	Duke of Edinburgh's Award projects for young people with SEND (ages 14-24) Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People (SfYP) will be launching 4 new Duke of Edinburgh's Aware (DofE) projects across Hertfordshire. Specifically designed for young people with SEND, young people missing from education, home educated young people, and young people being supported by a social worker. The SfYP DofE projects will offer a range of activities, from environmental conservation to community support opportunities, ensuring there is something to suit all participants. Click HERE for details.			
Introducing the new EHC Portal: tracking the EHC assessment process with ease	Hertfordshire County Council Introducing the new EHC Portal: tracking the EHC assessment process with ease Development of a new online EHC Portal for families, launching October. The portal will make it easier for families to track the process with ease Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment. See link for further determined to the control of the country of the	progress of their Education		
Voices of Hertfordshire Voices of Hertfordshire	Voices of Hertfordshire - YouTube Instagram: Voices of Hertfordshire @voicesofhertfordshire @voicesofhertfordshire at orla.price@kids.org.uk. Orla can also set up meetings with you any support or answer any questions to do with accessing the grand wellbeing groups - Young People's Hub from KIDS	group, please email Orla ung people 1:1 to provide		
Hertfordshire Partner Organisations The Toolbox	 See link for current schedule of workshops including and full details/criteria: Understanding My ADHD and Autism Hertfordshire Bee You – Autism and ADHD – No Diagnosis Required. CathARTic – Autism and Me: 6 Week Creation Neurodiversity App NESSie – My World and Me – Autism/ADHD – No Diagnosis Required. 	- DHD		

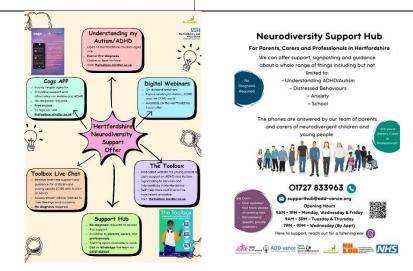


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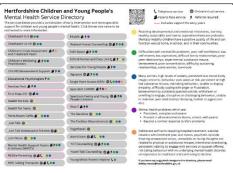
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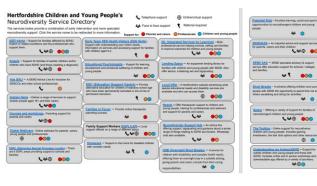
JustTalk

Mental health support for all children and young people in Hertfordshire (justtalkherts.org)











Nutritionists
supporting one to
one sessions at
First Steps ED
Wellbeing Workshop,
Avoidant Restrictive
Food Intake Disorder

(ARFID) Support Group, Binge Eating Workshops

CYPMHS Service Directory - SW

FOLLOW

Help develop Speech, Language & Communication Skills at home FOLLOW | Linktree

Introducing the FOLLOW campaign! A very simple and easy to use set of strategies that parents and carers can use with their little ones to help develop speech, language and communication skills at home. For more information, please use the link below. https://linktr.ee/EYFOLLOW







You can make a referral to these services by following the below links or visiting our website www.hct.nhs.uk



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SPACE Herts	Charity supporting families of children and young people who are neurodivergent (Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia, Tourette's and other neurodiverse conditions).			
Navigating the SEND World	Post 16 Tickets, Thu 8 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite	SEND World Post 16		
Understanding Dual Diagnos	Understanding Dual Diagnosis: Autism and ADHD Tickets, Fri 9 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite Dual Diagnosis			
Understanding ADHD Tickets, Mon 12 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite Understanding ADHD				
Understanding Dyslexia Works	Understanding Dyslexia			
FOR FURTHER ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS SEE: SPACE HERTFORDSHIRE Events Eventbrite Additional Activities				
Lending SPACE 10th May Ticke	LENDING SPACE			



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<u>Autism</u> Hertfordshire					
Evening Groups	Evening social groups for adults 18+. In St Albans and Stevenage. Wednesdays, every 2 weeks — contact 01727 743246 orenquiries@autismherts.org for details				
Daytime Groups	Community based sessions where attendees can take advantage of regular walks or lunches in latwo staff members, across Herts. contact 01727 743246 orenquiries@autismherts.org for detail.				
ADD-Vance	A registered charity with a team of over 20 dedicated trainers, coaches, admin staff and volunte and/or Autism. Some HCC Funded workshops are recorded to enable you to watch at a conveni				
Understanding ADHD and Au Eventbrite	Understanding ADHD and Autism in the Early Years - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Fri 9 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite Understanding ADHD/Autism Early Years				
Supporting the Transition to Eventbrite	Supporting the Transition to Primary School - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 12 May 2025 at 10:00 Transition to Primary School				
PDA ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP for Parents/Carers Tickets, Tue 13 May 2025 at 13:30 Eventbrite PDA online support group					
<u>Understanding Challenging Behaviour - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Wed 14 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite</u> Understanding Challenging Behaviour					
<u>Tips & Tools to Manage Anger - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Fri 16 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite</u> Tips/Tools Manage Behaviour					
Supporting the Transition to Secondary School - FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP Tickets, Mon 19 May 2025 at 10:00 Eventbrite Transition to Secondary School					



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Angels Support Group	Angels is	s charity that sup _l	ports families of autistic chi	ildren and/or ch	nildren who have ADHD (and th	ose awaiting	diagnosis).
Tuesdays – Zoom 10am to 12pm		VENUE: Letchworth Partnership Pod, Northfields.		Thursdays – Stevenage 10am to 12pm Home Start : 5 Bedwell Park, SG1 1NB		Thursdays – Zoom 7:30pm to 8:30pm	
		8 May – Meet	up and chat				
13 May – Understanding PDA				15 May – M	leet up and chat		
20 May – Managing Meltdowns					22 May – I	Evening Parent/Carer Support	
Podcasts: Podcasts - Angels Support Group Support Groups and workshops, Meet up and Chat www.angelssuupportgroup.org.uk Angels 2025 Programme Jan-April							
Autism Central	Autism (Central aims to m	ake it easier to learn more	about autism a	nd services available to you.		
Resources	range of from Au	Designed to make it easier, signposts to information range of topics around autism and support that is averome Autism Central, their partner organisations and crusted sources.		ailable	<u>One</u> -to-one		Talk to your hub for a one-to- one chat to help find the information and services available in your area.
<u>Events</u>	Talk to people who share similar experiences by joini workshop, coffee morning or virtual meet up.		ing a				



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Supporting Links		A local Social Enterprise, providing parenting support through courses, workshops and 1:1 mentoring of parents and children.		
Workshops: We have a number of single diagnosed or suspected ASD and or ADI free for parents who live or go to school	D. These are funded by Herts Cou		Use the Course ID (See below) to book your place Booking Essential: bookings@supportinglinks.co.u See website for flyers and links: New What's On (s	-
ASD & ADHD RESPONDING TO ANGER at 19:30 E		r (764) For parents	c/carers in Herts. Registration, Mon 9 Jun 2025	Responding to Anger
Talking Teens 6 Weekly Sessions for parents/carers of children aged 12-19	Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pn 7 May to 18 Jun ONLINE COURS		ays 7:45pm to 9:15pm to 8 July ONLINE COURSE ID 760	Talking Teens
Talking Dads/Male Carers 6 Weekly sessions for Dads/Male Carers of all ages		Wednesdays 7:45pm to 9:15pm 4 Jun to 9 Jul ONLINE COURSE ID 761		Talking Dads/Male Carers
Talking Additional Needs (no diagnosis needed) A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-19.			ays 8pm to 9:30pm to 17 June ONLINE COURSE 756	Talking Additional Needs
Talking ASD & ADHD Stress and Anxiety Workshop Talking ASD & ADHD: Stress & 2025 at 09:30 Eventbrite		Anxiety (762) For pa	arents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 14 May	Stress & Anxiety
Talking ASD & ADHD Coping with Change Talking ASD & ADHD: Coping w May 2025 at 19:30 Eventbrite			or parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 21	Coping with Change
Talking ASD & ADHD The Teenage Years Talking ASD & ADHD: The Tee 2025 at 19:30 Eventbrite		enage Years (765) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 25 Jun		The Teenage Years
Talking ASD & Tech	Talking ASD & ADHD: Tech Use (766) For parents/carers in Herts. Registration, Wed 2 Jul 2025 at 09:30 Eventbrite		Tech	
Talking Families 6 weekly sessions for parents and carer of children aged 0-12	Thursday 9:45am to 11:15am 8 May to 19 Jun ONLINE COUR Tuesdays 8pm to 9:30pm 6 May to 17 June ONLINE COU	COURSE ID 757 Thursdays 9:45am to 11:15am ONLINE COURSE ID 757 5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3, 10 July		Talking Families



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Families in Focus

Hertfordshire based community interest company, which provides training, information and therapeutic and emotional support to parents.

Email to book: b	oookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk
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Transforming family life through empathy - helping families to build st A proven therapeutic approach for parents of children aged 3 to 11 yrs, to increase p that challenge, reducing behaviours that challenge and building your family's emotion 3 x 2 hour sessions	Transforming family life through empathy for Parents of children with SEND 4-10 years More dates coming soon in March 2025	
Email to book: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk	<u>Current SEND courses – Families in</u> <u>Focus</u>	
Handling anger in your family (no SEN Needs) Increase understanding of why children react with anger and learn tried and tested techniques to support children to de-escalate and change reactions to trigger situations to bring harmony and calm for the whole family.	Handling Anger in your family	
A complete guide to parenting children with Autism & ADHD FREE 10 week course for parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting a child with Autism or ADHD (with diagnosis or awaiting assessment) aged 2 to 11. Gain a greater understanding and answer the question 'why does my child do that?' Learn a range of strategies and solutions, to better manage behaviours that challenge. Understanding sensory needs of children. Increase understanding of children's common sleep issues.	A Complete Guide to parenting children with Autism and ADHD	
Handling anger of primary aged children with Autism or ADHD FREE six-week course is funded by Hertfordshire County Council and FREE for parents of primary-aged children with ADHD and/or Autism living in Hertfordshire. Online, interactive course for parents provides practical support to understand why children with Autism or ADHD react with anger and provides proven techniques to reduce angry meltdowns and increase emotional regulation for the whole family.	Handling anger Primary aged children (Autism/ADHD)	



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Family Lives	Positive Co-Parenting of Neurodiverse Children – 8 Week online facilitated group			
	This programme is designed specifically for parents living together or apart, who are facing conflicts and struggling to find common ground in raising their neurodiverse child. This is a valuable opportunity to enhance relationships, strengthen parenting skills and create a more harmonious home environment. Who should attend? Parents who are experiencing conflicts and challenges due to the neurodiversity of their child. Parents who want to improve communication and build stronger partnership in parenting and co-parenting their neurodiverse child. Parents seeking guidance, support, and practical strategies to navigate the unique challenges of raising a neurodiverse child. For more information or make a referral, scan the QR code, email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8699.			
Herts Mind Network	Hertfordshire Mind Network			



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Children's Wellbeing Practitioners	HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events Eventbrite Upcoming courses: Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation, Emotional Wellb Sleep Workshop, Developing Your Child's Emotional Literacy	Check for available courses, please eing Workshop, note they book up quickly			
Developing Your Child's Emoti	onal Literacy Tickets, Thu 15 May 2025 at 18:00 Eventbrite	Developing child's emotional literacy			
Child General Emotional Well	peing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers Tickets, Mon 19 May 2025 at	10:00 Eventbrite Emotional wellbeing and regulation			
Emotional Wellbeing Worksho	pp (For young people 11 - 16) Tickets, Thu 29 May 2025 at 18:00 Eventbri	Emotion Wellbeing Workshop			
	Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (hct.nhs.uk) Pre-recorded webinar, workshops for parents / carers and young people and links to the guidance docs.				
HCT Children's Wellbeing Practickets Eventbrite	HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events - 8 Upcoming Activities and Tickets Eventbrite Sleep (Child/Adolescent) General Emotional Self Esteem and Resilience Emotional Literature Emotional Lit				
CARERS IN HERTS					
Carers In HertsEvening Phone Appointments availableEvening Phone Support5:30pm to 7:30pm on WednesdaysBook now: contact@carersinherts.org.uk/ 01992 58 69 69					
Monthly Support Group	Monthly Support Group 7pm to 9pm via zoom Children Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) - Carers In Herts contact@carersinherts.org.uk				
Young Carers					



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NHS Hertfordshire Talking Th	nerapies		Primary Care Mental Health Update	
Student Support	Starting Collect/University is can sometimes feel challeng	Referral HPFT IAPT Services (hpft- talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)		
ADHD Awareness Month	esteem because of difficulties in different areas of their life. These difficulties may arise because of the		Understanding ADHD and low self- esteem HPFT IAPT Services (hpft- talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	
NEW		NEW – What is Dynamic Interpersonal Therapy (DIT) Animation video What is Dynamic Interpersonal Psychotherapy (DIT)?		
Support for Long Term Conditions		People living with long term physical health conditions such as diabetes, chronic pain, COPD, or chronic heart disease may face various challenges across many areas of their life. Resources and Self-help HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)		
Living well with persistent pain		Living well with persistent pain HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)		
Long Covid: Moving Forward		Long COVID: Moving forwards HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)		
Nature and Wellbeing SAD Seasonable Affective Disorder		Nature and Wellbeing HPFT IAPT Services		
Webinars Diabetes and emotional wellbeing		Diabetes and Emotional Wellbeing HPFT IAPT Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)		
Living Well with a Long-term	n Physical Health Condition	Living Well with a Long-term Physical Health Condition HPFT IAPT	Services (hpft-talkingtherapies.nhs.uk)	



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NESSie

Support the positive mental health of children and young people 0-25 years. 1-1 and group therapies for children and young people and webinars and support to parents and carers.

NESSie is funded by HCC to support parents/carers of children and young people with emotional and mental health issues. The aim of this work is to help parents/carers develop a positive and more confident approach to supporting their young person, whilst offering a chance to gain peer support; useful strategies and practical tools.

FREE online and face-to-face workshops on a range of mental health issues that affect children and young people.

Parent Support Line 07932 651319 (Wednesdays 9am to 12pm or by appointment)

Private moderated Facebook support groups. support advice sessions. Peer support groups: a confidential group, where parents will have an opportunity to share their experiences, support each other through challenges and identify coping strategies. For more information: Podio

Webinar Playback Supporting a Child Struggling to Attend School

Nessie Public Booking Platform V3.0 (procfu.com)

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'My World & Me'TM is a 12-week group programme for children and young people aged 7-16 years who live in Hertfordshire. This group is run by two NESSie Autism/LD specialists and aims to support your child/young person to have an opportunity to meet other young people of similar age and experiences. Focusing on celebrating your child's strengths, this group aims to be fun whilst supporting confidence, independence, and resilience. NESSie is proud to be neurodiverse affirmative with the majority of our team having lived experience. Please note that spaces are limited to 8 participants per group. Upon receiving your booking information you will be contacted by a member of our team for a chat. If your requested group is at capacity or a need for alternative support is identified, you will be offered an alternative group or signposted to alternative support. Completing the booking does not guarantee a space on the chosen group.

Current Dates:

My World and Me - Nessie



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EARLY YEARS — SEND	Toddler Group: Arise and Shine	
NORTH HERTS FAMILY	Letchworth Garden City Church, The Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, Letchworth , SG6 1EF Tuesdays from 10.00am to 11.15am (term time)	Catable from deletes. Supporting your Child's Development in the Early Years with your tree are recognized every 8. If you have any concerns around your child's beet for contained are parable thereof the state.
Parent & Toddler Groups North Herts & Stevenage Broadwater Family Centre, Longmeadow Primary School, Oa Thursdays 10am to 11:15 (all year)		2 - 2 ½ YEARS 3, 2 ½ years, you will be included to determine the your defeat and before the rest of the year of the standard for the rest of the year
	Mondays 1pm to 2:30pm (ages 0-5) no booking necessary FREE The Café at The Museum, The British Schools Museum, 41 Queen Street, Hitchin SG4 9TS	The formy blood development of the form of the control of the cont
	Broadwater Family Centre, Longmeadow Primary School, Oaks Cross, Stevenage SG2 8LT Thursdays 10am to 11:15 (all year)	The state of the s
	Royston & Villages Family Centre, Roman Way First School, Burns Road, Royston SG8 5EQ Fridays 9:30am to 10:45am from 24 October.	school-ell specify purch end of source and so
SENsational Active Tots with Stevenage FC (ages 1-5)	Looking for somewhere to run off a bit of steam? The Family Centre Service alongside Stevenage FC are running new SENsational Active Tots Sessions for 1-5 year olds. These sessions are all about bringing physical activity to life through various sports and challenges. Taking place at Fairlands Valley Park in Stevenage and FREE for the first 8 weeks (£3.50 thereafter). Wednesdays 10am to 10:45am, joinin.online	The state of the s