



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 26th September 2025

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Roman Fields Head's message



Welcome back to another academic year at Roman Fields. Over the summer, we celebrated a fantastic set of GCSE results and the year 11 pupils have all moved on to their next steps. I hope you all had a restful break and that your children are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are. The pupils have come back in fantastic spirits and have got straight back into their learning; there is a buzz around the site of excitement to see friends again and to be back in the classroom. We are currently in the process of welcoming new pupils into our school, and I am always blown away by the kindness shown to them by the existing pupils. Later this half term, we will have our lesson observation cycle, where teachers (and pupils) will be observed in lessons, to ensure that we continue to deliver excellent and engaging lessons across the school. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas celebration (it will come around quicker than you think!)

Emma :-)





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James Marks Head's message - part one



Welcome back to the new school year, an especially warm welcome to our new parents and pupils. I hope that you have managed to have a relaxing time over the summer.

Firstly, I have to start by congratulating our former A-level pupils, they achieved excellent results in the summer and they are now preparing to go off to university. We are very pleased with the results, which on average were a B grade. This was achieved through the hard work and effort of the pupils, who were supported by the colleagues who taught them: Steve, Chris, Sophie and Mark.

These are the JMA's first set of exam results and these young people have set the standard for others to follow. We know that our current year 13 pupils have the ability to achieve equally as well this year and are already starting to think about their university applications.





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James Marks Head's message - part 2



You will know that the school is continuing to grow and as such we have three new members of staff: Georgine Freeman for English, Martin Pope for Maths and Faye Williams as HLTA. I know they will be an asset to the school and that you will all make them feel welcome.

It has been great to see the pupils engaging in their work and interacting with their peers and just generally catching up with each other. It is a credit to them and the staff that they have settled back into school so quickly and are carrying on as they finished the year. We know that over the next few weeks they will become used to the routines of school and feel like they've never been away.





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James Marks Academy Trust - RSE & HE policy



Dear Parents

In September 2026 the statutory guidance for Relationship and Sex Education and Health Education will become mandatory. As part of this we are consulting you on this policy. We have drafted a policy based on this guidance.

If you would like to comment on the policy before it is ratified by the Trustees please forward your comments to the headteacher of your child's school.

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Scott



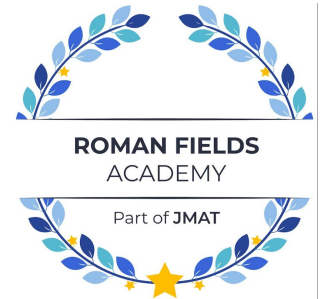


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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 19/09/2025

GOLD - Ollie

SILVER - Ash

BRONZE - Natan

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Gabriel





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Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



Stars of the week - 12/09/2025

GOLD - Alfie

SILVER - Jacob.W

BRONZE - Harrison

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Zara

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Kayden



Stars of the week - 19/09/2025

GOLD - Teddy

SILVER - Charlie.H

BRONZE - Anna

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Skye

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Joshua A





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Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



Stars of the week - 26/09/2025

GOLD - Isabella

SILVER - Louie

BRONZE - Ellie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Anna

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Lily





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Dates for the diary

Thursday 9th October - James Marks Academy parents evening (details to follow)

Friday 24th October - INSET DAY (staff only)

Monday 27th October till Friday 31st October - Half term

Thursday 13th November - Roman Fields parents evening (details to follow)

Friday 28th November - Occasional day (school closed)

Friday 19th December - last day of term

Monday 22nd December till Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas break

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY (staff only)

Tuesday 6th January - Pupils back to school



Become a Star Reader!



Here at Roman Fields, we understand and value the importance of reading. Reading - in whatever form you choose to engage in - fills you with knowledge. It improves your comprehension and analytical abilities. Furthermore, it stimulates the memory and broadens your imagination.

Therefore, each week, Roman Fields will be championing a *Star Reader*. You can be rewarded for your reading in any lesson, but you will also have the opportunity to demonstrate it in a specific session on your timetable. In these lessons, your teacher will be looking opportunities to award you points for your engagement in reading

Each week, the pupil with the most points awarded will receive a Star Reader certificate and a voucher.



Star reader of the week at Roman Fields Academy



19/09/2025

Freddie, Mason





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Roman Fields - End of term awards

It seems so long ago we celebrated the amazing achievements of all our brilliant pupils.

So lovely to see all the families with their loved ones and pupil, we hope you all got to have a relaxing break over the summer.



It was wonderful to see previous pupils, they are all doing so well.



Trophy winners - July 2025

Art	George
Cookery	Jenna
Creative Arts	Oscar
Drama & Media	Jaison
English	Mason
History/Geography	Gabriel
ICT/Business	Dylan
Life Skills	Olivia
Maths	Lili
PSHEE	Ash
Science	Flo
Sport	Timothy
Technology	Natan
Work Experience	Abbie
Contribution to School Life	Holly
Positivity	Himi
James Marks Award	Matthew





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Trophy winners - July 2025

Art	Mason
Cookery	Lewi
English	George
Geography	Reece
History	Teddy
Horticulture	Amiyah
Humanities	Josh
ICT	Dylan
Maths	Josh
Physical Activity	Harry
PSHEE	Skye
Science	Jack
Contribution to School Life	Vi
Positivity	Max
School Award	Kayden





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Roman Fields - GCSE results day

Congratulations to all of the pupils who received exam results in the summer. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces on results day - good luck with your next steps; you will all be amazing!





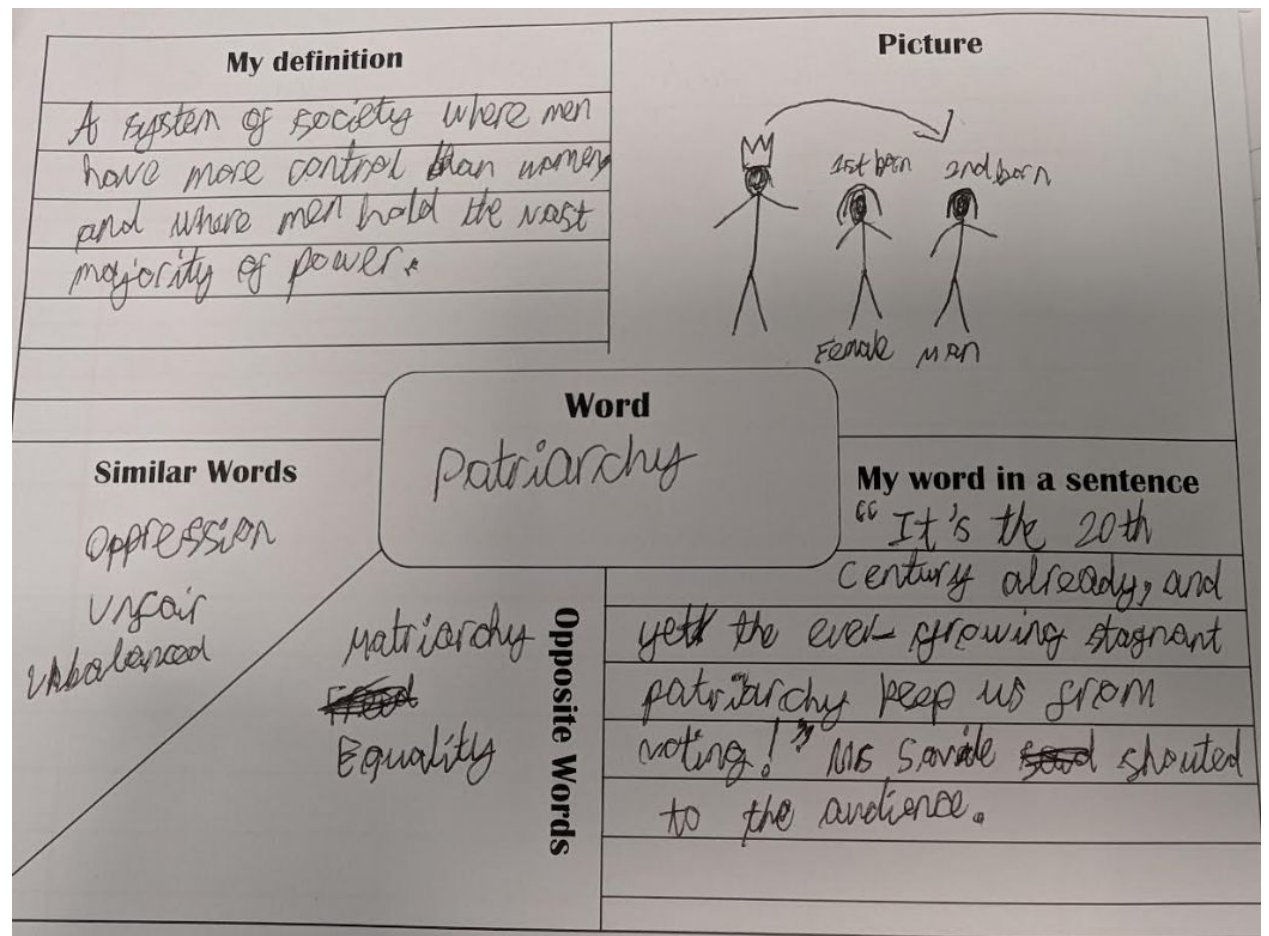
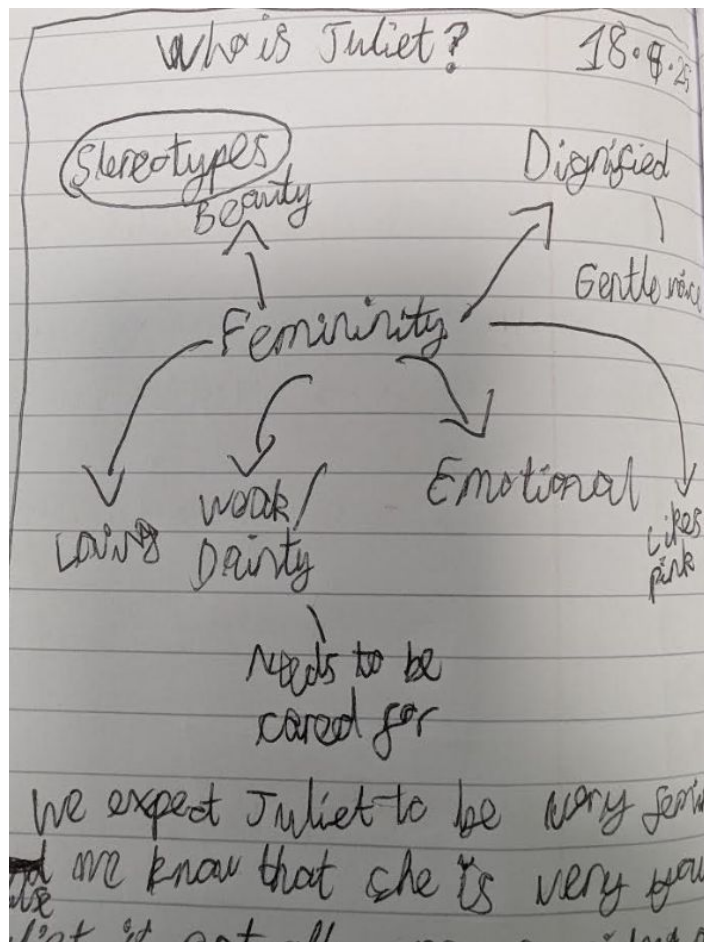
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James Marks academy - Year 9 English lessons

Our year 9 students have recently started reading Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet'. To deepen their understanding of the play, we have been exploring the concept of 'patriarchy' and its influence on characters.





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Roman Fields - Heritage Open Day



Roman Fields supported the Hemel Hempstead Local History and Museums Society as part of the Heritage Open Days programme with tours of our historic site. Will and Tony ran two tours to speak about the Roman Villas and the Victorian buildings on the site. We had about 40 visitors attend, some who live next to the school and others from further afield, and their feedback was very positive.





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James Marks Academy - New Zion food bank



James Marks Academy are supporting one of our local food banks in the area.

If you would like to donate, then please feel free to drop items off to James Marks Academy and we are happy to take the items to the charity.

They are looking for non perishable goods, within their 'use by' date.

Foodbank vouchers are held by most organisations across the area that come into contact with those in need. Other organisations include Citizens Advice, Council housing, safeguarding and mental health teams.

If you would like to know more about the charity then please visit their website -

<https://www.newzioncf.net/food-bank>

Thank you so much for all your support.



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Roman Fields - DENS food bank

One of our local charities we support have contacted Roman Fields as they are running low on some supplies.

If you would like to donate you are more than welcome to drop the items at Roman Fields and we will be happy to have them collected or dropped off to DENS.

If you would like to know more about the charity then please visit their website -

<https://www.dens.org.uk/>

Thank you so much for all your support over the years helping us to donate to local charities, much appreciated.



DACORUM FOODBANK HIGH NEEDS LIST



HARVEST 2025

FOOD

- Tinned fruit
- Baked beans
- Tinned/packet soup
- Rice
- Tea bags
- Tinned sweetcorn
- Tinned ham
- Cooking sauces
- Tinned kidney beans
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Cereal bars
- Long life juice/squash
- Tinned spaghetti hoops

KITCHEN/HYGIENE

- Carrier bags
- Shower gel

Please note:

We do not accept furniture, clothes, shoes and accessories.

Donations/deliveries

Dacre House, 19 Hillfield Road, Hemel HP2 4AA
Monday-Friday 10am-1pm

For large donations, please contact:
T: 01442 250969 E: foodbank@dens.org.uk



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Potential kids October activities

Please see attached leaflet for the October activities running with Potential Kids.

If you would like further details then please contact Emma Boulton -

Email:

emma@potentialkids.org

Address: [Potential Kids, The Galleria Outlet Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 0XR](#)

OCTOBER 2025 ACTIVITIES

SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
2nd Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
2nd Thu	Trampolining -Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
3rd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
4th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
10th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
10th Fri	Youth Group 16 +	18.30-20.30
11th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
16th Thur	Trampolining -Gosling sports centre 5+	17.30-18.30
17th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
18th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood	16.00-17.00
21st Tue	Roller skating Campus West	18.00-19.30
23rd Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
24th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	11.00-12.30
24th Fri	Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs	17.30-18.30
25th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
25th Sat	Train Club PK Hub Age 12+	12.00-14.00

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at potentialkids.org.uk/events



Pony Days (holidays only)

OUR OFFER

- Sports & Social Activities
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Therapies
- 1:1 & Group Work
- Alternative Provision Provider
- EOTAS

Communication, Learning & Social Support for All



Visit us here



For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org

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COMMUNITY FUND

Hertfordshire Community Foundation



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Bricks & Blaze for The Pepper Foundation

Could you do a Fire Walk, or walk over Lego Bricks? This is a wonderful opportunity to do something heartfelt and exhilarating as a family!

The Pepper Foundation are holding an event at Tring Park Cricket Club on Thursday 30th October from 6pm.

All money raised will be going to support children's hospice care at home.

If you are interested in taking part you can either scan the QR code or go to the website <https://www.pepper.org.uk/event/pepper-bricks-blaze-challenge/>

the pepper foundation

BRICKS & BLAZE CHALLENGE

LEGO WALK, FIRE WALK... OR BOTH!

Raising funds for children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions

SIGN UP!

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025
TRING PARK CRICKET CLUB, LONDON RD, TRING, HP23 6HA
LEGO WALK: 6PM | FIREWALK - 7.15PM | GROUPS WITH 8+ GET ENTRY FEE WAIVED
FAMILIES WELCOME! | LEGO WALK AGE 5+ | FIRE WALK AGES 12+
[REGISTER.ENTHUSE.COM/PS/EVENT/BRICKSBLAZECHALLENGE](https://www.pepper.org.uk/event/pepper-bricks-blaze-challenge/)
[PEPPER.ORG.UK/CHALLENGES](https://www.pepper.org.uk/challenges)
Registered charity number 1056823



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Halloween fun at Church Farm - Ardeley

Church farm are running lots of Spookfest events from Saturday 18th to Friday 31st October.

Come along and meet the animals and enjoy wonderful rustic creepy fun!

Book Early at Last Year's Price - Parking is free, dogs welcome, under twos go free.

Please visit their website for more details-

<https://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk/plan-a-visit/what-s-on/half-term-halloween>

Address -

Church Farm, Ardeley, Stevenage SG2 7AH

Halloween at church farm

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

- * Spooky Farm Trail to see the farm animals & Halloween Décor
- * Big Bale Play
- * Tractors & Digger Ride-Ons
- * Creepy Fairy Woodland Play
- * Spooky Photo Opportunities
- * Spot the Pumpkin & sweet treat prizes
- * Scarecrow Trail
- * Find the Spooky Fairy Doors
- * Find your unique Witch and Halloween name
- * Spooktacular Costume Stickers for the best dressed boys, girls & dogs
- * Halloween Activity Pack, 'I've Been to Church Farm' Sticker
- * Puzzles and Colouring-in fun
- * Farm Sensory Trail

Additional Activities

- Pumpkin Picking & Carving
- Trick or Treating in our Spooky Wood (4-6pm)
- Horrid Hay Tractor & Trailer Rides
- Eerie Egg Collecting
- Ghoulish Goat Walking

Book online www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk

CHURCH FARM, ARDELEY
A Free Range Experience



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Glow Performing Arts



Glow Performing Arts School are doing some classes at Warners End Community Centre in Hemel Hempstead.

For further details please click onto their website attached -

<https://www.glowperformingarts.co.uk/>

Or please email Becky on -

Becky@glowperformingarts.co.uk

Classes

Class	Description	Age	Time	Day	Price per term
SEN Classes	Singing, dancing, drama and sensory activities for children with additional needs and disabilities	4-11	4-5pm	Tuesday	£204*
		11-18	5-6pm		
		18+	6-7pm		
Glow Worms	Mini musical theatre class, including singing, dancing, acting and lots of fun and games!	3-6	4-5pm	Friday	£144
Musical Theatre	Training in singing, dancing and acting	7-12	4:30-6pm	Friday	£198
Youth Theatre	A focus on acting with opportunities to write, direct and explore backstage and technical roles	10-18	6-7:30pm	Friday	£198

Warners End Community Centre (HP1 3QG)

15% sibling discount

*Higher rate due to smaller classes and more staff



BOOK ONLINE

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@glowperformingarts





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Family Lives Autumn Term free online parenting groups

Please find attached details of the Autumn Term free online parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

For further information please email services@familylives.org.uk or call 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701.



Family Lives Free Autumn Term Parenting Groups

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group
Friday 26th September to 7 November 9.45am to 11.45am OR

Tuesday 14 October to 25 November 7.00pm to 9.00pm

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our free online group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Thursday 2 October to 13 November 9.30am to 11.30am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 5 November to 10 December 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Calling all Dads - join our free online group, come along and receive support from other dads and learn how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed

Sibling Rivalry Online Workshop
Autumn term dates to be confirmed



SCAN ME!

For more information, please contact Louise on 0204 522 8700/8701, or email services@familylives.org.uk. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.





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Supporting Links

Parent & Carer Support Autumn Term 2025



FREE to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire

TALKING TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **12-19**, covering:

- The Teen Brain: physical and emotional changes taking place and why behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understand risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
16th Sep – 21st Oct
Online Course: ID 778

Thursdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
6th Nov – 11th Dec
Online Course: ID 777

TALKING ANGER in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why children & adults get angry.
- Develop strategies to handle anger in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anger.
- Reduce conflict and arguments.
- Encourage positive behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
4th Nov – 9th Dec
Online Course: ID 775

TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children **2-19**, with any additional need. Your child does not need a diagnosis.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict.
- Improve emotional regulation.
- Explore sensory needs.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage different needs in your family.



Wednesdays 7pm - 9pm
5th Nov – 10th Dec
Course ID 771
Reddings Family Centre,
Bushey, WD23 3PE

Wednesdays 9.45 - 11.15am
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Course ID 770

TALKING FAMILIES

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged **0-12** sharing tips on:

- Managing challenging behaviour with consistency.
- Encouraging positive behaviour.
- Building your child's self-esteem.
- Setting and maintaining boundaries.
- Responding to tantrums and difficult feelings in children.
- Developing a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future.



Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Online Course ID 774

Thursdays 9.45 - 11.15am
18th Sep – 23rd Oct
Online Course ID 772

Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.30pm
4th Nov – 9th Dec
Online Course ID 773

TALKING ANXIETY in TEENS

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children **11-19**, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour.



Tuesdays 7.45 - 9.30pm
16th Sep – 21st Oct
Online Course ID 776

TALKING DADS

6, weekly sessions for dads & male carers of children **0-19**, sharing information on:

- Improved listening and communication skills.
- A healthy dad-child relationship now and for the future.
- Effective strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- How to enforce boundaries.
- Being the dad, you want to be.



Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
17th Sep – 22nd Oct
Online Course: ID 779

Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.15pm
5th Nov – 10th Dec
Online Course: ID 780

Booking essential. Please Quote the Course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on: **07512 709556** or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund. Information taken on booking will be used to process your booking, check your eligibility, identify any access needs and will be stored in accordance with our GDPR policy which is available on request.