



# SEND Newsletter Spring 1 2025

Hello everyone,

Alongside being Head of School and Acorn Class teacher,

I am SENCo for Heptonstall Junior and Infant School.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's

educational needs please speak to their class teacher in the first instance or

make an appointment at the school office to speak with them and/or myself or

alternatively message me directly on Dojo.

Miss Dodd



Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)

is a life long condition that affects children's behaviour.

Children with ADHD can seem restless, may have trouble concentrating and may act on impulse. The ADHD Foundation Neurodiversity Charity supports parents and carers so they can understand and meet the needs of their child.

They provide a range information as well webinars, courses, resources, and a screening service.

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

register	phonics	lunch
playtime	reading	spellings
English	maths	science

## Communication and Language at Heptonstall Widgits

Widgits are a form of symbol used to help reduce cognitive load. Symbols are used everywhere - they help us to communicate ideas quickly and simply, helping us visualise and remember what we have seen. This principle has led to the development of comprehensive symbol languages such as Widgit. These are designed primarily to give people with SEND a simple alternative to text, but in reality, they benefit all users by helping to reduce cognitive load.

At Heptonstall, we have initially incorporated these into our classrooms as a consistent approach to our daily visual timetables – helping to support our children have a consistent, visual representation of their routines. We are currently exploring how Widgits can be used in other ways across the curriculum to help support learning.

<https://widgitonline.com/en/home>



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

SENDIASS: **SEND** (*Special Educational Needs and Disabilities*) **Information, Advice and Support Service** provides legally based, impartial, confidential and accessible information, advice and support about education, health and social care for parents of children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.

The **IAS** (*Information, Advice and Support*) **Service** offer face to face, telephone and electronic information and advice to all parents/carers of children with SEND.

They are a really useful service. To find out more please click the link above.

Please click on the link below to find out more about the amount of support available to children, young people and their families with special educational needs and/or disabilities in Calderdale.

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/local-offer-send>

