

Information will be available on a range of services, support groups and leisure opportunities for young children with additional needs and their families. Representatives from Ask Us, the Nottinghamshire SEND Local Offer, the Parent Carer Forum and Early Years Family Hubs will be on hand to provide signposting and guidance on the day.

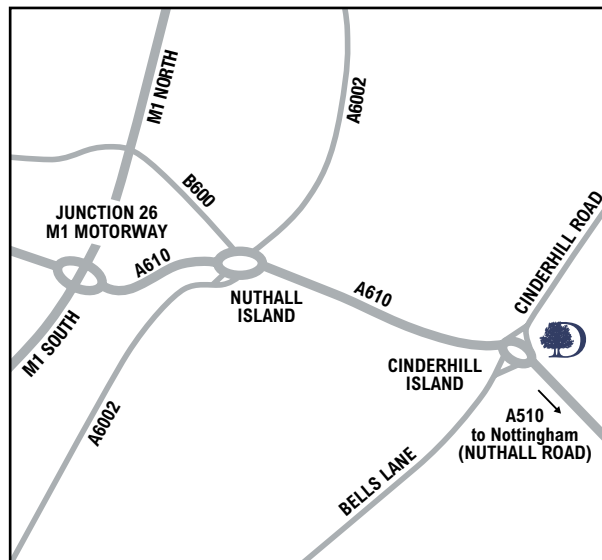
In addition, representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will be available during the morning and lunch break to offer guidance on benefit entitlement, as well as answer any questions about topics, such as returning to work.

And finally... there will be an opportunity at the end of the event to gather information, speak to workshop providers and ask any outstanding questions that you may have.

Childcare Costs

You may claim a contribution towards any additional childcare costs incurred due to attending the conference. A receipt from a registered provider will be required for audit purposes. Please email SIS.sjrw@nottsccl.gov.uk for further information

(Maximum of £40.00 per family).



Doubletree by Hilton Nottingham

– Gateway Hotel, Nuthall Road,
Nottingham NG8 6AZ

Strategically located on the A610, 1 mile from Junction 26 of the M1 motorway, and 3 miles from Nottingham city centre, with 200 free car parking spaces on-site. The hotel benefits from excellent public transport links with bus stops that connect to the heart of the city just steps away, and Phoenix Park tram stop located less than half a mile from the hotel. Nottingham train station is located 4 miles away.

Including Early Years Parent Conference

This is a free conference for parents and carers of pre-school children and children up to the age of 8, with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school/setting.

Presented by
SEND Inclusion Service (SIS)
Education, Learning and Inclusion



Wednesday 17 June 2026

8:45 am – 3 pm

at the Doubletree by Hilton
Nottingham Gateway Hotel, NG8 6AZ

**Bookings go live on 14 April 2026
at 8am on Eventbrite.**

Please note that priority will be given to parents and carers who have not attended previous conferences.



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Keynote Performance: Lisa Lloyd



Lisa, aka “ASD with a G & T” across social media, is a passionate advocate for Special Educational Needs (SEN) rights and the parent of two neurodivergent children diagnosed with PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance) and autism.

She is The Times bestselling author of *Raising the SEN-Betweeners* and shares her experiences through her popular blog, where she writes candidly about family life and the challenges of navigating SEN. An ambassador for several SEND charities and a campaigner for SEND rights, Lisa’s work continues to inspire and empower families and professionals alike.

Programme of the day

- 8.45 Registration**
- 9:30** Welcome and Introduction
- 9:35 Keynote Presentation + Q & A:**
Lisa Lloyd
- 10:20** Refreshment Break
- 10.40 Workshop 1**
- 12:10** Lunch
- 1:10 Workshop 2**
- 2:40 Providers & Professionals available for questions**
- 3:00 Close**

Workshop details

Sensory On A Shoestring

Low-cost sensory ideas that support communication, play and learning in the home!

Workshop Provider: Hirstwood Training

Empowerment

Getting your voice heard in the SEND world.

Workshop Providers: Julie Rastall and Louise Grafton - Parents

Beyond Words: Talking Isn't The Only Way

How to unlock your child’s unique ways of communicating, with practical tools and ideas to interact and engage.

Workshop Providers: Rachel Wilson & Lynne Pearson – Home and Pre-School Team, SEND Inclusion Service

What Does Autistic Play Look Like?

Looking at how autistic children might play; how it may differ from their peers and how we can support it.

Workshop Provider: Lindsay Beach - Communication and Interaction Team, SEND Inclusion Service

Supporting Your Child To Navigate Strong Emotions Using Emotion Coaching

An introduction to the Emotion Coaching model; an evidence-based approach responding “in the moment” to big feelings.

Workshop Provider: Suzie Wood - Education Psychology Service

How to book

1. Copy or click on this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/including-early-years-parent-conference-2026-tickets-1980468093380?aff=oddtcreator> and go to step 6.
2. Or, on www.eventbrite.co.uk click on “search for events”
“Including Early Years Parent Conference”
3. Choose a location – “Nottingham”
Filters select date – 17 June 2026
4. Click – Search
5. Click – Tickets
6. Click – Apply
7. Click – Register
8. Complete your registration details and workshop preferences in order (1-5)
9. Click – Register

All Information provided is confidential

Workshop choices available:

We will do our best to allocate you to your 1st and 2nd choices, but we cannot guarantee this. It is important that you also identify your 3rd – 5th for this reason.

- Sensory On A Shoestring
- Empowerment
- Beyond Words: Talking Isn't The Only Way
- What Does Autistic Play Look Like?
- Supporting Your Child To Navigate Strong Emotions

Please state any special requirements you may have. You will receive an email confirming your booking.

If you have difficulties booking, contact:

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