



# *This Child Is Different*

## What do we do now?

**Audience:** SENCOs/Class Teachers/Teaching Assistants/Middle Leaders/Senior Leaders

### *An Afternoon Seminar -*

You will hear from people who work with parents and schools supporting children whose behaviour is challenging. We will consider the options available for positive action.

Elaine Halligan is a parent and author of the book : “My child is different”. Elaine will talk about her son’s experiences in education. From the moment he entered nursery school, he had difficulties. He was initially labelled as ‘the naughty one’ and it was a long time before Elaine realised that her son was not the problem - he **had** problems.

Rachel Thornberry is the Interim headteacher of the Short Stay School for Norfolk.

A senior leadership presenter who presents perspectives on inclusion from a mainstream school.

**When:** Monday 11 March 2019

**Cost:** £25 per person (includes a copy of Elaine’s book)


**Time:** 2pm to 5pm

**Where:** Management Suite Building, Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form

To book your place please email: [ntlec@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:ntlec@thorpe-st-andrew.norfolk.sch.uk)

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## **My Child's Different**

The lessons learned from one family's struggle to unlock their son's potential

### **Elaine Halligan**

With contributions from parenting expert **Melissa Hood**

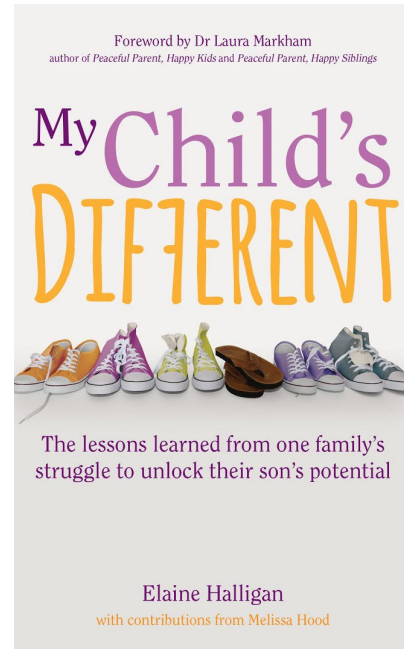
Foreword by Dr Laura Markham

Explores the enabling role that parents can play in bringing the best out of children who are seen as 'different' or 'difficult'.

Society favours children, and adults, who conform. The notion that our children may be shunned for being 'different' breaks our hearts, but there is plenty we can do to help such children develop into thriving, resilient adults.

Drawing lessons from Sam's transformational journey from difficult child to budding entrepreneur, *My Child's Different* offers encouragement to parents who may be concerned about what the future might hold, and demonstrates how—with the right support and positive parenting skills—their children can grow up to surprise and delight them.

Suitable for parents, educators and anyone who works with children, *My Child's Different* is a celebration of all the unique qualities that those who are different bring to society.



It is really important that we provide young people with the support they need to succeed, and to understand dyslexia as a different and brilliant way of thinking. Alternative thinking can spur creativity and innovation and has the power to change the world. This book shows how with the right support, young people can maximise their potential,

**Sir Richard Branson, business magnate, investor, philanthropist and founder of the Virgin Group**



Elaine Halligan is a director at The Parent Practice and has been a parenting specialist since 2006, helping parents raise competent and confident children through parenting classes, private coaching and keynote speaking in schools and corporate settings both in the UK and overseas. She is frequently quoted in the broadsheet press and regularly appears on Sky News, BBC local radio and BBC World news. Her mission is to help parents find the holy grail of parenting: keeping calm and bringing out the best in their children.