



Parenting Guide | East Sussex

What's On – April, May, June 2022



Introduction

Easing of restrictions has allowed us to get back to the people and things we love, but it's OK if adjusting has brought challenges too. You might be worried about the pace of the changes or what the future may bring? Even positive change can lead to anxiety, and it can take time for children to re-adjust to things we have not done for a while. Anxiety in children of all ages can lead to all types of common behaviour problems.

We are here to support you with our variety of online courses, each with specific tips on how you can deal with the most common behaviour problems; and best of all, these evidence-based methods have already been successful in supporting families worldwide through times of crisis. So, you don't have to do it alone: we'll get through this together. Parents and carers can access as much or as little as they like, and **just small changes will make a big difference!**

The Parenting Team use Microsoft Teams which is free to download and accessible from phones, tablets, and laptops! Just simply choose the support you would like to access, email with which course you would like to attend to

EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk or EVEN EASIER scan the QR code next to the session you would like to attend and book yourself on! The link to join your chosen sessions will be sent to you nearer the time. So simple!

Once you have joined the discussion you can choose to have your microphone and camera either on or off (whichever you are more comfortable with), but we do encourage you to try some face to face with the other parents as the more you engage, the more supported and confident you will feel!

“Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate.”

What We Offer

Facebook Page and Website

This pandemic has upended family life around the world. School closures, working from home and social isolation – it's a lot to navigate for anyone, but especially for parents. Find handy links to help you manage this new (temporary) normal, including information on how to handle your relationship issues, common parenting problems, health & wellbeing, and much more!

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ONLINE Webinars

Most of the time parenting is great fun, you know you are doing a good job; but there are times when things get a little tricky.

Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner; or your six-year-old won't pick up his toys. Maybe your child never seems to listen? Sound like your life? If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier!

We can so come along and join us!

Each webinar lasts between 1 to 2 hours, you'll watch short video clips showing other parents successfully dealing with the same issues and you'll be encouraged to share your thoughts with the other parents in the group, if you wish to. You'll also be given a workbook with simple exercises and information to help you try your new strategies at home.

What We Offer More info on pages 17/18

ONLINE Positive Parenting Group (2-12 years)

From the very start you will get tips and suggestions to fit the needs of your family. Your workbook will give you tools and information to start positive parenting right away at home. Positive Parenting Group consists of 8 group sessions, with other parents, in weekly 2-hour webinars, together with phone advice and support from your Parenting Coach. Email: EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

ONLINE Stepping Stones Group (Children with Additional Needs)

This group can help you manage problem behaviour and development issues common in children with a disability or additional needs, diagnosed or undiagnosed. It helps you encourage behaviour you prefer, cope with stress, teach your child new skills and build better family relationships.

Group Stepping Stones consists of 8 group sessions, with other parents, in weekly 2-hour webinars - together with phone advice and support from your Parenting Coach. Email: EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

ONLINE (TEEN) Positive Parenting Group (10+ years)

This group can help you cope positively with some of the common issues associated with raising a teenager. It looks at ways to build a stronger relationship with your teenager, resolve conflict in the family and manage problem behaviours. It also explores risky behaviour and keeping your teen safe.

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The Power of Positive Parenting (2-8 years) 90 minutes

This seminar is perfect for new parents, or those who need a refresh!

It introduces parents to the five key principles of positive parenting that form the basis of Triple P. These principles are: -

- Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- Creating a positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having reasonable expectations
- Looking after yourself as a parent



Friday 1st April 10-11:30am

Wednesday 27th April 1-2:30pm

Monday 16th May 11-12:30pm

Tuesday 7th June 12:30-2pm

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Supporting Secondary School - (10+ years) 90 minutes

Starting secondary school is a big milestone in a child's life.

It marks the end of being at a small primary school and the start of being in a much bigger school environment, where there are greater expectations on a child or young person to be **independent**.

Gain practical advice on how to support your teen in developing independence and resilience in their new school.

Tuesday 5th April 6:30-8pm

Friday 27th May 10-11:30am

Thursday 23rd June 6:30-8pm



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Preparing Your Child for Primary School Life! (2-8 years) 90 minutes

Often the more supported a child feels at home the better they achieve in school. Come and receive top tips for developing independence, problem solving and communication skills – all of which are essential for having a successful year at primary school.

Wednesday 13th April 7-8:30pm

Wednesday 4th May 1-2:30pm

Wednesday 8th June 1-2:30pm

Tuesday 28th June 10-11:30am



Managing Anxiety and Raising Resilient Children (2-12 years) 90 minutes

This session is for parents who want to develop their child's understanding of feelings, and appropriate ways to express them. Gain knowledge on how to encourage your child to problem solve and cope with stressful situations – turning challenges into opportunities!

Wednesday 6TH April 10-11:30am

Tuesday 26th April 1-2:30pm

Monday 23rd May 10-11:30am

Friday 24th June 10-11:30am



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Raising Confident and Independent Children (2-12 years) 90minutes

In this interesting seminar, parents are introduced to six core building blocks for children to become confident and successful at school and beyond. These competencies are: -

- showing respect to others
- being considerate
- having good communication and social skills
- having healthy self-esteem
- being a good problem solver
- becoming independent



Thursday 14th April 10-11:30am

Tuesday 10th May 1-2:30pm

Monday 30th May 10-11:30am

Monday 20th June 12-1:30pm

Turning Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour

(children with Additional Needs) 90 minutes

This fantastic session discusses common behaviour problems such as hitting, shouting, and refusing to follow instructions. Gain skills in how to encourage appropriate behaviour and create your own useful parenting plan to make some positive changes at home!



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Helping Your Child to Reach Their Full Potential

(Children with Additional Needs) 90 minutes

This session can help parents to improve their child's confidence and social skills. By learning how to teach your child new skills and encouraging progress and efforts, your child will be more able to reach their full potential – a common concern amongst parents of children with additional needs.

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Tuesday 3rd May 1-2:30pm

Friday 17th June 10-11:30am



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Dealing with Disobedience (Getting Your child to Listen) (2-12 years) 2 hours

All children misbehave at times, and we all face those moments when children will not do as they are told. This very popular session helps parents to teach their children limits, do as they are told and understand the meaning of the word *No*.

Thursday 7th April 10-12pm

Thursday 28th April 6:30-8:30pm

Friday 27th May 10-12pm

Monday 13th June 10-12pm

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Managing Fighting and Aggression (2-12 years) 2 hours

When children fight there is a risk that somebody could get hurt so teaching your children clear limits and boundaries is important. This session will show you how to encourage your children to play well together, problem solve and solve arguments without parents always needing to be involved.

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Thursday 12th May 6:30-8:30pm

Monday 23rd May 12-2:00pm

Wednesday 29th June 10-12:00pm



Getting your Child into Bed (and staying there for the night!) (2-12 years)

Explores common bedtime problems, why they happen and how to prevent them. Includes information around parent traps, creating your own bedtime routines and managing problem behaviour.

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Monday 9th May 10-12:00pm

Friday 10th June 12-2:00pm

Tuesday 21st June 10-12pm



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Challenging Behaviour in Public (Hassle Free Shopping) (2-12 years) 2 hours

This discussion uses shopping trips as an example of one of the most common times parents must deal with difficult behaviour... **in public!**

Positive parenting strategies are discussed as step by-step suggestions for preventing problems, and teaching children how to behave when out and about.

Parents develop personalised plans to manage problem behaviour and are encouraged to use them in potentially difficult community situations.

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Reducing Family Conflict (10+ years) 2 hours

Increased conflict with children during their teenage years is common but can be upsetting for the whole family.

This discussion group gives some positive parenting suggestions to help teach your teenager how to get along with others in the family, without constant fights and arguments.

Thursday 7th April 6:30-8:30pm

Friday 6th May 10-12:00pm

Wednesday 25th May 6:30-8:30pm

Monday 27th June 12-2:00pm



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Building Teenagers Survival Skills for Risky Situations (10+ years) 2 hours

Talking to teenagers about risky situations can be tricky, as they often believe parents are overreacting. For example, is your teenager looking to go on a sleepover at their friend's house who you don't know? Do they want to stay at home alone, do they want to hang out in town with their friends? Teenagers need to be able to recognise risky situations, have a plan for coping with these and/or avoid more dangerous situations.

Friday 22nd April 10-12:00pm

Monday 9th May 10-12:00pm

Wednesday 15th June 10-12:00pm



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Getting Teens to Cooperate (10+ years) 2 hours

Teenagers are known to become less cooperative during their transition from child to adult. These changes can cause conflict between the parent and the teen. This session will give strategies on how to teach your teen to be more polite, cooperative and to behave appropriately.

Friday 22nd April 12-2:00pm

Tuesday 17th May 6:30-8:30pm

Monday 6th June 12-2:00pm

Tuesday 28th June 12:30-2:30pm



Coping with Teenagers' Emotions (10+ years) 2 hours

The transition from child to adult can often make teenagers highly emotional. Parents may find this upsetting and difficult to manage as it can cause disagreements and frustration for everyone. This session will give ideas on how to develop your teens coping skills and emotional resilience.

Wednesday 20th April 6:30-8:30pm

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Thursday 9th June 6:30-8:30pm

Monday 27th June 10-12:00pm



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E-SAFETY

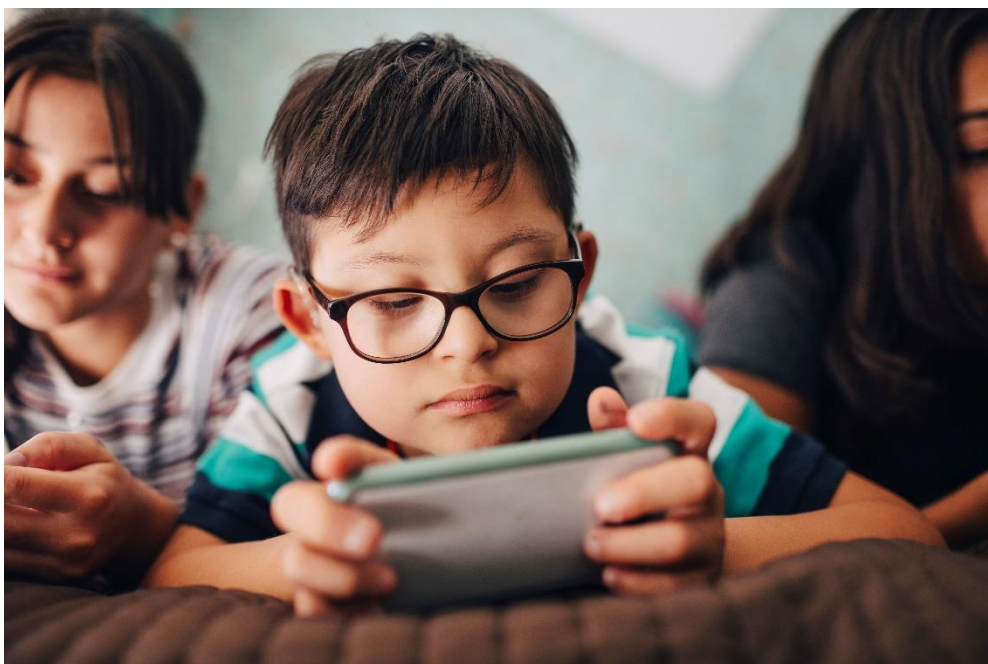
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E-Safety (2-10 years) 2 hours

Children are learning more and more about the internet at a young age with 55% of 3-4 year olds having access to tablets and the internet. With these rising figures, children are increasingly vulnerable to online dangers. This session will teach you how to talk to your child about E-Safety and gives lots of useful tips and tricks on how to keep them safe online.

Wednesday 11th May 6:30-8:30pm

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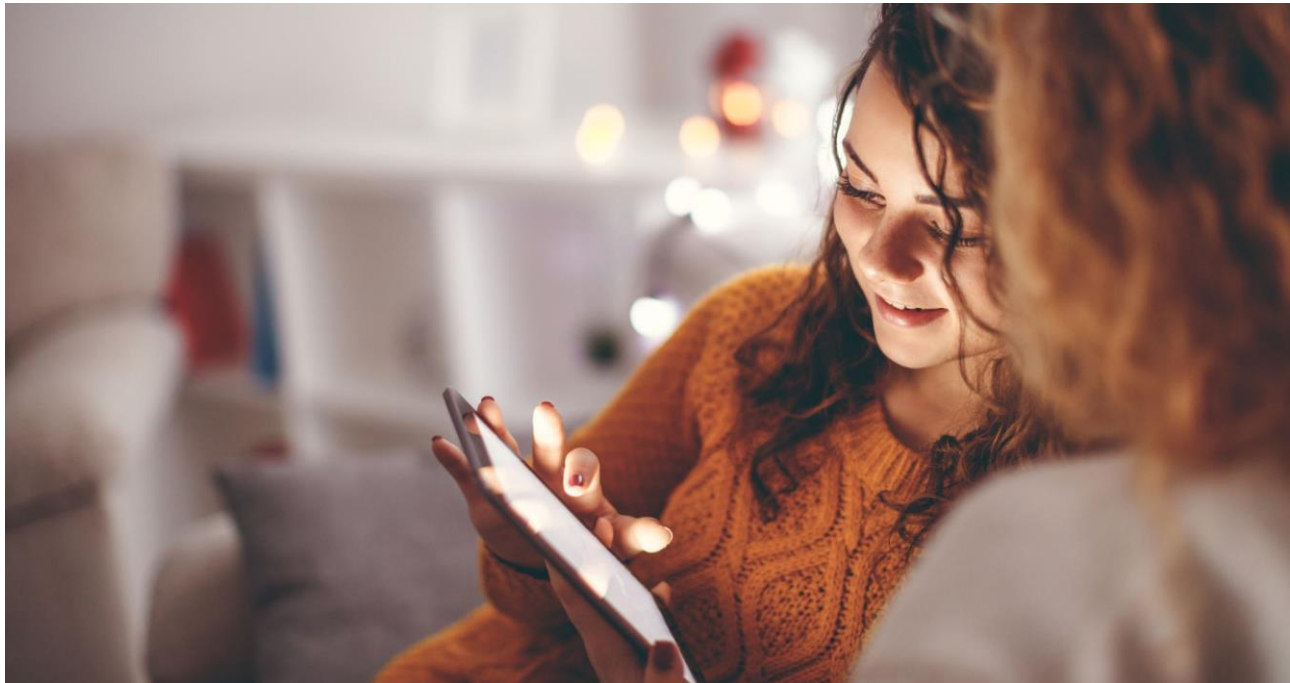
E-Safety (10+ years) 2 hours

Teenagers use digital technologies for everyday activities like keeping in touch with friends on social media, relaxing and doing schoolwork. Because they're online so much without your supervision, teenagers need to be able to identify acceptable and unacceptable online content independently. They also need to know how to behave respectfully online and avoid online risks.

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Friday 20th May 10-12:00pm

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8 WEEK COURSES

To book onto any of these, please email your name, the title and date of the group you wish to attend to: EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

Or call 01424725800 to discuss options.

Positive Parenting Group Stepping Stones – 8 weeks

(2-12 years) (Children with Additional Needs)

The pressure of raising a child with additional needs can put a strain on family life. Come and meet other parents experiencing similar situations and learn simple strategies that can make life at home a little easier for everyone! This 8-week group is for parents and carers who want help with their child's development or behaviour problems.

Starts Wednesday 20th April 10-12:00pm

Starts Wednesday 8th June 6:30-8:30pm

Positive Parenting Group TEEN (10+ years) – 8 weeks

All parents raising teenagers need support at times and joining this 8-week group can significantly reduce family stress. Key learning points will be encouraging appropriate behaviour, managing problem behaviour, and how to deal with risky behaviour.

Starts Tuesday 19th April 10-12:00pm

Thursday 9th June 12-2:00pm

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Positive Parenting Group (2 – 12 years) 8 weeks

This 8-week group teaches parents a range of strategies to use that help to support, develop and manage behaviour in children. It identifies causes of behaviour, parent traps, and helps parents to set goals and plan for high-risk situations.

Starts Thursday 21st April 10-12:00pm



Further Information

Being a parent is not always easy. You are not alone if you find it difficult sometimes. But it's OK. You can talk to us.

If you live in East Sussex and you're worried about managing your child's behaviour, supporting their development or their emotional wellbeing, or you want support and advice to help build a positive relationship with your child, we can help.

Check out our website and Facebook page for regular updates on available courses and events. www.openforparents.org.uk and <https://www.facebook.com/OpenforParents>.

Please call the team on 01424 725800 or email: EH.0-19parentingteam@eastsussex.gov.uk for further support.

Kind Regards,

East Sussex Parenting Team

