

Parents and Carers

in East Sussex January - March 2026



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The Parenting Team

East Sussex Family Hubs

If you're a parent or carer in East Sussex, we are here to help!

The Parenting Team supports families with children from birth to 19 years old.

Our service is completely free, and we offer friendly help with no judgement, such as:

- Talking to us on the phone for advice
- Joining online groups or webinars with other parents and carers
- Attending face-to-face sessions to get support in person
- Making you feel heard, and more confident in raising children

Being a parent is a journey, Let's make it a positive one!



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Meet The Team



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WebinarsJanuary - March 2026

If you want to join a webinar but can't come on the next dates, please let us know. We can add your name to our waiting list.

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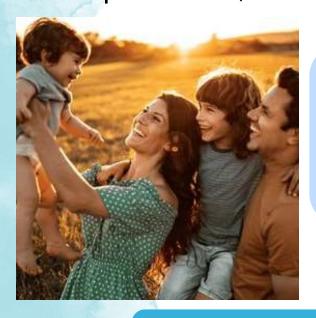
Becoming a **Positive Parent**

Want to make small changes that have a big difference?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of children aged 2 to 10.

In this session you'll learn 5 simple strategies for calmer family life.

keeping your child safe, helping them learn new things, using calm and clear rules, having fair expectations, and taking care of yourself too.



Wednesday 14th January 12:30 - 2:30 pm

> Tuesday 17th March 10:00 - 12:00 pm



Triggers, Tantrums and Teaching Moments

Want to stay calm when your child isn't?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of children aged 2 to 10.

Learn what drives behaviour and better ways to respond.

Learn ways to talk with your child so they listen, how to set clear boundaries, how to stop problems from getting worse, and how to solve things together.



Thursday 15th January 10:00 - 12:00 pm

Wednesday 25th March 12:30-2:30 pm



Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children

Want to understand the signs of anxiety and what to look out for?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of children aged 2 to 10.

This session explores what anxiety is, how the body reacts to it and how to help your child think in a more realistic way. In this session learn tools to build calm, confidence and resilience in your child.



Tuesday 24th February 12:30 - 2:30pm



Learning About Neurodivergent Children

Want to know what neurodivergence actually means and how it impacts behaviour?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of children aged 2 to 19.

Learn practical strategies that can make a difference to your child's needs.

We'll explore what neurodivergence is, the different types, how tantrums differ from meltdowns, and ways to help your child when they feel overwhelmed.



Thursday 22nd January 10:00 - 12:00 pm

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Understanding Teen Behaviour

Want to keep your cool in the chaos?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of teenagers aged 10 to 19.

Gain the tools to help you stay calm, consistent and connected
In this session we look at how our teenagers brains change and develop and how that has a huge impact on their behaviour.



Tuesday 24th March 6:30 - 8:30pm



Responding to Teen Emotions

Want to understand what drives teen emotions, choices and challenges?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of teenagers aged 10 to 19.

Learn how the teen brain impacts mood swings, meltdowns and your role in calming the storm. In this session we look at different ways to connect with your teens, and how using kindness, praise, and rewards can help.



Tuesday 3rd February 12:30 - 2:30pm



NEW! Watch Party Childhood Anxiety

BYOP (Bring Your Own Popcorn)& Leave with Top Takeaways!

A short 45 min to 1hr relaxed online session:

- Watch short, helpful videos
- Learn about childhood anxiety
- Join an optional Q&A at the end

Cameras & mics optional, just watch and listen if you prefer!



Wednesday 4th March 6:30 - 7:30pm



Online Safety in a Digital World

Want to keep your child safe online?

This online session is here to help parents and carers of children and teenagers aged 2 to 19.

Learn how to discuss online safety with your child or teen and how to keep their devices and activity safe.

A pre-recorded version is now available to watch anytime, scan the QR code below.







Pre-recorded Webinars

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Everyday Ways to Play

Want to bring more fun and connection into your child's day?

Learn why play is important and quick easy ways to make every day more playful.

Supporting Big Emotions Before School Starts
Help your child feel calm and ready for school!

Understand and support your child's feelings about starting school. Learn simple ways to build confidence and ease worries.







GroupsJanuary - March 2026

If you want to join a group but can't come on the next dates, or the group you want isn't listed in this guide, please let us know. We can add your name to our waiting list for the next time the group is on.

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Parenting Children With Anxiety 4 +

Virtual group via MS Teams
Want to support your child through
their worry and fear?

This group is here to help parents and carers of children aged 4+ who feel very anxious.

Learn strategies to support your child's emotional resilience. A more in depth look at anxiety and how it affects young people. Helping them to feel stronger and braver, tackling fears and worries together.



Tuesday 13th January 3rd March
(7 Sessions)

10:00-12:00 pm No session in half term





Early Bird Plus 4 +

(National Autistic Society)

<u>Virtual group via MS Teams</u>

Want to build a better understanding of your autistic child?

This group is here to help parents and carers of children aged 4 to 9 with autism or on the diagnostic pathway.

Learn how to make sense of your autistic child's communication, behaviour and sensory needs. Helping everyone work together to support your child, so they can feel more confident and happy.



Thursday 22nd January - 19th March (8 Sessions)

10:00-12:30 pm No session in half term





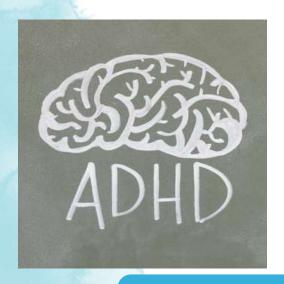
Parenting Children with ADHD 4+

Virtual group via MS Teams
Want to support your ADHD child's regulation and attention?

A supportive group for parents and carers of children aged 4 to 11 who are exploring or living with an ADHD diagnosis.

This program helps families understand how amazing and unique children with ADHD are.

Learn how to go from frustration to connection; strategies to support you and your child.



Wednesday 14th
January - 11th March
(8 Sessions)

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Calmer Co-Parenting

Want calmer communication and less stress as a co-parent?

This is for Parents and carers who are separated or divorced

Your former partner and other family members can complete the programme too.

This is an online program you can do at your own speed with a parenting practioner to support as you work through the content.

Learn how to create structure, boundaries and respect across two homes. Because children thrive when adults communicate effectively.



COMING SOON!

Join our waitlist...

We run lots of different groups, we change them every 3 months. Please look through the next few pages to see what else we offer. If you see a group that you would like to do that isn't running from January to March, just send us an email. We will put your name on a waitlist and contact you when a new group is starting.

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Positive Parenting Programme 2-12

Want some practical support for every day parenting challenges?

This group is here to help parents and carers of children aged 2 to 12.

Learn how to build stronger routines and relationships for positive behaviour.

This group can support parents and carers to feel more confident as their child grows.



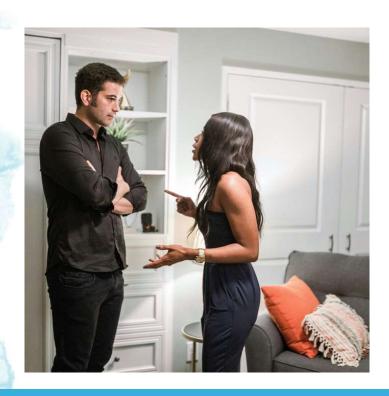


Harmony at Home

Want to improve your communication as a couple and have a calmer household?

This group is to support Parents and carers in couples.

In this group learn how to improve teamwork, reduce conflict and put your children at the heart of your communication.







Supporting Parents of Teenagers 10+

Want to navigate explosive emotions and go from conflict to calm?

This group is here to help parents and carers of teenagers aged 10 to 19.

Learn strategies for tricky teen moments - the closest thing to a manual for raising teens. Understand the teenage brain, why emotions run high, and gain practical tools.



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Teen Life 10+

(National Autistic Society)

Want to navigate adolescence with your autistic teen?

This online group is here to help parents and carers of young autistic people aged 10-16.

Learn to make sense of your autistic teens behaviour and needs, with practical tools and ideas to help.







Understanding your Baby

Discover how bonding with your baby supports their brain and emotional development.

This group is here to help parents and carers of babies up to 6 months old.

Learn about your baby's brain development, behaviour and emotions, while building confidence and responding to your baby's needs





Drop Ins

Lewes and Havens

Lewes Family Hub

6th Feb

First Friday of the month, 10-11:30am

6th Mar

The Joff Youth Hub

23rd Jan

Third Friday of the month, 9:30-11am

27th Feb

Rother

Sidley Family Hub

10-12pm

9th Jan

6th Feb

6th Mar

NEW! Rye Discovery Centre

1-3pm

19th Jan

16th Feb

16th Mar

NEW! Ticehurst Village Hall

10-11:30pm

20th Jan 17th Feb

17th Mar

High Weald

Uckfield Family Hub

9th Jan

Second Friday of the month,

13th Feb

10-11:30am

13th Mar 26



Drop Ins

Hastings and St Leonards

Hastings Town Family Hub

19th Jan

10-12pm

16th Mar

East Hastings Family Hub

9th Feb

10-12pm

Eastbourne and Hailsham

Shinewater Family Hub

First Friday of the month, 9-12pm

2nd Jan

20th Feb

6th Mar

Hailsham Family Hub

Second Monday of the month, 9-12pm

12th Jan

13th Feb

13th Mar

Devonshire Family Hub

Second Monday of the month, 1-4pm

12th Jan

13th Feb

13th Mar

Archery Youth Hub

Second Friday of the month, 9-12pm

9th Jan

13th Feb

13th Mar



Family First Consultation Advice Line

If you'd like advice, guidance or support around any challenges your family is facing, you can contact the East Sussex Family Advice Line.

Call: 01323 464655

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30am - 5:00pm

Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm



Quick Guide- Groups

FREE **Groups** for parents/ carers of East Sussex.

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Learn at your own pace, anywhere, anytime. Interactive, easy-to-use online program with videos, activities and downloadable resources.

Supported by an East Sussex Parenting Practitioner



Quick Guide- Webinars

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Feedback

Hear some of the feedback we have received from parents who received support from our team.

The content was excellent - packed with value and full of insights; from the scientific root causes of anxiety, through to practical tips and advice that can be used with my daughter immediately.

Managing Anxiety and Avoidance in Children- Workshop

This has been an incredibly helpful and enjoyable course. Maybe the best parental course I've done to date. Being specifically focused on ADHD has not only augmented my general understanding of the "disorder" (needs a new name), but more importantly helped me consider and support my daughter's feelings, emotions & behaviours through a wider lens; and support them accordingly. So many practical tips and tactics to use every day, that are already making a difference.

Parenting children with ADHD 4+- Group

This was a valuable and well-delivered session. Notably, the material was presented in a balanced and respectful manner, avoiding a deficits-based approach, which was appreciated. The facilitators did an excellent job managing comments and questions throughout, ensuring everyone who wanted to speak was acknowledged - impressive facilitation!

Learning About Neurodivergent Children - Workshop



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For more information about our free groups, webinars and events. Scan the QR code

