



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw closer towards the end of the half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout this closure period. Unfortunately, we have reached capacity in line with Calderdale's Public Health guidance and are unable to offer any more places to pupils. I appreciate this is difficult for parents but although we look forward to the day we can welcome all our pupils back, at the moment we have to follow the Public Health guidance and reduce our numbers in order to keep everyone safe.

Michelle Joyce, Calderdale's School Effectiveness Officer, carried out a virtual visit of our school on Monday to look at reading and remote learning. She was extremely impressed with our remote learning offer and how hard all the staff are working to ensure they are meeting the needs of our parents and pupils. She talked to teachers and pupils about what we have in place to support pupils with their reading and was very impressed with the range of provision at Beech Hill, including the daily phonics lessons for pupils in the lower school. Please continue to support us with encouraging your child to engage in the lessons we have planned for them.

This week is Mental Health Week and I am sure many of us are feeling the strain of life in a pandemic, not being able to see family and friends and being limited to staying at home. It is important that we try and maintain a positive outlook and support our well being. We have had some lovely activities going on this week. If you need further information or want some activity ideas to do with your children please visit the following website:

www.mentallyhealthschools.co.uk

For further information or support around parental mental health, see our mental health section on our website at www.beechhillschool.co.uk under the Covid heading. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

Mrs Hussain



Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, 9th February is Safer Internet Day. As well as providing activities for our children in school and at home, there will be a Zoom session **for parents** on the theme of online safety run by Miss Jordan. It will be an informal session with some sharing of information and top tips and opportunities to ask questions and chat about keeping our children safe while they use the internet.

Please see your child's Seesaw account for details of this Zoom session if you would like to take part.

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Reception

This week in Literacy, we have started reading *Dear Zoo*. We have been learning the names of the animals and learning how to write them.



In maths we have been continuing to learn about number 7 and how number 7 can be seen in many different ways. We have been learning to read addition number sentences which make 7.

We have also been having weekly Computing lessons and are learning how to log on and complete a simple task on the computer.



All our children enjoyed playing in the snow and building snowmen this week.

Year 1

Another fantastic week in year 1!

It was great to see so many children who usually attend school join the Zoom lessons on Tuesday.

This week the children have been learning to count in multiples of 10 and 5. They have demonstrated lots of determination and perseverance and now many are confident at counting in 10s and 5s.



We have also been continuing to develop our proof-reading skills to edit the work by the skeletons in our focus book '*Funnybones*'.

Keep up the good work!

Year 2



This week, our Year 2 children have been very lucky as they got the chance to hold one of the chicks.

They were very brave, and they took great care of them!

We have been learning all about the life cycle of a chicken in our afternoon lessons and the children have seen the chicks hatching live and can now see that their wings have developed and are growing taller. It will take just over 3 months for them to grow into an adult.

The chicks will be leaving on Friday.



Year 3

In year 3, the children have been working very hard at home and at school, even on the snow day this week!

We have started to look at instructional texts during our English sessions.

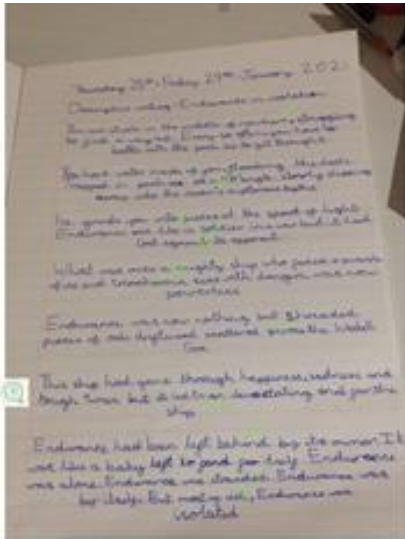
The children at home and at school have enjoyed making their very own salt dough dinosaur fossils! We are looking forward to writing the instructions on these next week!



Year 4

The staff in Year 4 have been blown away by the high standard of the children's descriptions of Endurance in isolation. The children in school and at home put lots of effort into these pieces of writing and should be very proud!

Here is one that really stood out from Laukyia:



Year 5

In Year 5 this week we've been very busy at home and in school.

We've been diary writing in role, learning more about Neil Armstrong landing on the moon, and doing some complicated maths multiplication.

But we also found time on Tuesday to have a snow-building competition - here are some of the entries we had:



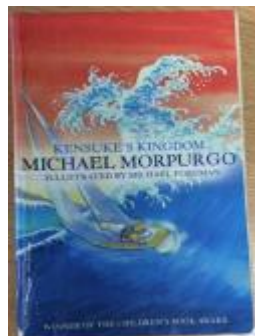
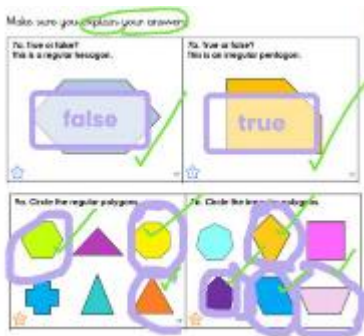
Year 6

What a week it's been!

Even a snow day didn't stop us learning! We had 57 people on Zoom on Tuesday, which shows how keen the children are to learn.

We have been learning about shapes and angles in maths, beginning to read Kensuke's Kingdom in English and looking at the mountains and mountain ranges of the UK in geography. We even managed to fit a lovely art activity in this week too!

We are really proud of all of the children for the fantastic work they are producing both at home and at school!



Calderdale Libraries

Did you know that joining the library is **FREE**? It doesn't cost any money and we have an abundance of eBooks, eAudio books, eMagazines & comics available to enjoy.

Please watch the following link for guidance on how to join Calderdale Libraries and access all our free books https://youtu.be/pvEHn4i_gmQ

It is also **FREE** to print homework in Calderdale Libraries: families can email documents through to one of the following libraries and we will let them know when it's ready to collect.

CentralLibraryOpsTeam@calderdale.gov.uk

hebdenbridge.library@calderdale.gov.uk

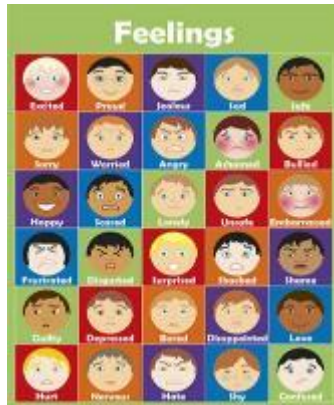
kingcross.library@calderdale.gov.uk

tomorden.library@calderdale.gov.uk



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading the story 'Duck in the Truck'. The children have been able to talk about feelings and how they would feel if they were the animals in the story.



The children in nursery have also had fun sharing their snow pictures with their friends.



2 Year Olds

In 2-year-olds we have been learning about what is big and small and tall and short. We learnt these key words by sorting, building towers, measuring each other and looking at books. The children especially enjoyed building towers as tall as themselves.



We have also enjoyed mark making using many different textures - we especially liked the glitter.



Central Calderdale Children's Centre's Timetable - February 2021



For more information visit the website at www.childrencentres.co.uk

Central Calderdale Children's Centres Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Additional Information
<p>EU Settlement Scheme (At Jubilee Children's Centre) 9.15am - 2.45pm Appointment Only</p> <p>Family Support Drop-in (At Jubilee Children's Centre) 9.00am - 4.00pm Telephone Appointment Only</p> <p>Currently Suspended: Little Adventurer's in the Park, Manor Heath Park, Halifax</p>	<p>Asylum Support Drop-in 9.30 - 2.30pm Telephone Appointment Only</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme by Zoom (Virtual) 10.30 - 11.00am</p> <p>Baby Clinic (At Little Stars Children's Centre) 11.00am-3.00pm Appointment Only, Please ring Locala on 03003045076</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme by Zoom (Virtual) 1.30 - 2.00pm</p> <p>Potty Training If you would like advice on potty training, please contact us on 01422 252022 to request a call back</p>	<p>EU Settlement Scheme (At Jubilee Children's Centre) 9.15am - 2.45pm Appointment Only</p> <p>Breastfeeding Groups (Virtual) 9.30 - 10.30am & 11.00am - 12.00am</p> <p>Baby Clinic (At Little Stars Children's Centre) 11.00am-3.00pm Appointment Only, Please ring Locala on 03003045076</p> <p>Family Support Drop-in 1.00am - 5.00pm Please call 01422 434671 to book Telephone Appointment Only</p> <p>Fun 4 Youth Club (Virtual) 4.00 - 6.00pm For children aged 7-12 years old.</p>	<p>Baby Clinic (At Jubilee Children's Centre) 9.00am-4.00pm Appointment Only, Please ring Locala on 03003045076</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme by Zoom (Virtual) 10.30 - 11.00am</p> <p>Baby Group (Virtual) 11.15 - 12.15pm</p> <p>Rhythm & Rhyme by Zoom (Virtual) 1.30 - 2.00pm</p>	<p>Baby Massage (Virtual) Please call Jubilee or Todmorden to book your slot</p> <p>Dad's group: Online video activities for Dad's/Carer's to do with children of all ages at home. Posted fortnightly on our Facebook page: 'Halifax Opportunities Trust Dad's Group'</p> <p>Please note Due to Pandemic restriction's, you will need a face cover/ mask before entering the children's centre</p>

Activity Information

Asylum Seeker Support Drop-in For support around accessing services, such as schools, dentists and GP's. To book a telephone appointment call 01422 434571.

Baby Clinic: Meet your health visitor at Jubilee children's centre for baby weighing or to discuss your baby's health. Appointment Only, please call Locala on 03003045076 to book.

Baby Group - For pre-walking babies (0 - 12 months) Meet us on Zoom for a chance to chat with other parents and find out what activities and services the Children's Centres offer. Gain some ideas for early play activities with your child, helping them to be competent learners from birth. Please contact the Children's Centre for further information 01422342552.

Baby Massage can help support a baby's immune system, aid digestion, relieve colic and constipation and promote good sleep. Please contact the Children's Centre for further details and to book on to our new virtual course.

Breastfeeding group - Meet us on Zoom for advice and support about breastfeeding. Join our friendly team of Peer Supporters, Outreach Workers and other breastfeeding mums and their families. There is a choice of two online sessions every Wednesday 9.30am - 10.30am & 11am - 12pm. Please contact us for further information 01422342552 or 01706399970

Dads Group Fortnightly videos of activities for dads/careers and their children to do at home, will be uploaded to our Halifax Opportunities Trust YouTube channel. The link to this can be requested via our Dads Facebook page (Halifax opportunities Trust dads group)

EU Settlement if you are an EU, EEA, or Swiss citizen and you and your family are applying to the EU settlement scheme, come along to our free support service. We will help you with your application. Contact Karolina or Jana to book an appointment. Karolina (Polish & English) 07773186887 & Jana (Czech/Slovak & English) 07485312331.

Family Support 'Drop-in' You can make an appointment to speak to a Family Support Worker for confidential support and advice on family issues. To book a telephone appointment please phone 01422 434971.

Fun 4 Youth Club Is normally held in the outback @ Jubilee Children's Centre. Until we can meet again we connect weekly via Zoom. For children aged 7-12 years old we hold live cooking sessions, host quizzes, play bingo, complete P.E sessions and much more. Contact Susan on 01422 252022 for more information and to join in the fun!

Little Adventurer's in the Park Currently suspended due to pandemic restrictions. New Year exercise whatever the weather! Have some free outdoor fun doing different activity trails each week around the park. Buggy and wheelchair friendly.

Rhythm and Rhyme by Zoom We are offering weekly Zoom Rhythm and Rhyme session for children aged 0 to 4 year and their parents/carers. To book your place call us on 01422 252022.

Midlife Appointments and Enquiries. Please call the following advice lines. First point of contact, newly pregnant 01422 261351, Home urgent advice line 01422 261364 Health Visitor appointments and enquiries, please call 030 0304 5076

Call us for more information, to book places and to find out how to get referred.
 Jubilee Children's Centre, Lightfoot Road, Halifax, HX1 5RH. 01422 342552
 Todmorden Children's Centre, Todmorden Community College, Burnley Road, OL14 7BX. 01706 399578
 Little Stars Children's Centre, Parkinson Lane, Halifax, HX1 3XL. 01422 252022
 Suddal Children's Centre, Backfold Lane, Suddal, HD3 9DL. 01422 395501
 Southwark Children's Centre, Withnellside School, Law Lane, HD3 9QL. 04122 395801 / 01422 252022
 Boothtown Children's Centre, Rawson Street North, Boothtown HD3 6PU. 01422 293365

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

FAMILY OF LEARNING TRUST LOCKDOWN BATTLE



Last week, we had a Trust-wide competition on Times Tables Rockstars. There were certificates up for grabs for the winning school, top 3 classes and top 3 children in each class. Even though Dean Field won the school battle, we had some amazing individual and class results and we showed a MASSIVE improvement on the last competition! Certificates for the top 3 children were given out in school or sent home in work packs for those that took part at home.

Here are the top 12 children from Beech Hill - it is fantastic to see some year 2 children in the top 12!

Position	Student name	Country	Student score
1	Zakariya Tanvir	Denmark	34,324
2	Mohammad Hassan	France	33,476
3	Sai Podapati	Nigeria	30,228
4	Hadder Bukhari	Denmark	22,327
5	Aayan Khan	France	21,937
6	Rilind Bugjisha	France	16,504
7	Huzayfa Asif	Australia	13,507
8	Dyuati Devineni	Switzerland	13,319
9	Khadijah Rahman	South Africa	9,624
10	Zahra Asim	Australia	9,606
11	Awwal Glwa	Jordan	9,581
12	Chakrika Valluru	China	8,357

Here are the results for the top 3 classes at Beech Hill

France - Beech Hill School, Halifax	7,017
Denmark - Beech Hill School, Halifax	4,530
Australia - Beech Hill School, Halifax	2,744

Top 3 children in each class- well done to everyone who took part!

Nigeria

SAI
USMAN
UMAYMAH

Mexico

SOHAN
HASSAN
RAJAN

China

CHAKRIKA
ALI DAD
DANYAL ALI

Singapore

SOHANA
DAVID
INAAYA

Australia

HUZAYFA
ZAHRA
ALINA

Jordan

AWWAL
BILAL
ISAAC

Morocco

HUDHAIFA
WILLIAM
REHAN

Tanzania

SHAYAAN
TAHAR
LAUKYA

France

HASSAN
AAYAN
RILIND

South Africa

ILMAH
JANNAT
TANISHA

Switzerland

DYUATI
NIRVIGNA
M. ASIM

Denmark

ZAKKARIYA
HADDER
KAINAAT

Egypt

JALAAL
HAIDER
RYAN

Lockdown Tips from the Learning Mentors!



COVID Worries and How to Cope

As a Learning Mentor, I have helped many children think about their COVID worries and what they can do to deal with these. It helps if the child can explain what their worries are and then write them down, with an adult's help if required.

After these worries have been recorded, discuss with the child some ideas on how to best cope with their worries and write these down too.

For example, I was watching the news last week and I was feeling a little sad, then I saw a snowflake fall in my garden - it really cheered me up! Whenever I feel worried now I think about the snowflake and I start to feel happy again.

For every worry that the child has, try and counter-balance this with something positive. This will really help them cope when they are feeling particularly stressed.

Mrs Hunter

Example 1

This activity will ask you how you are feeling about COVID-19 and what you are worried about. This example has been completed for you.

Talk through the example with an adult and then complete your own.



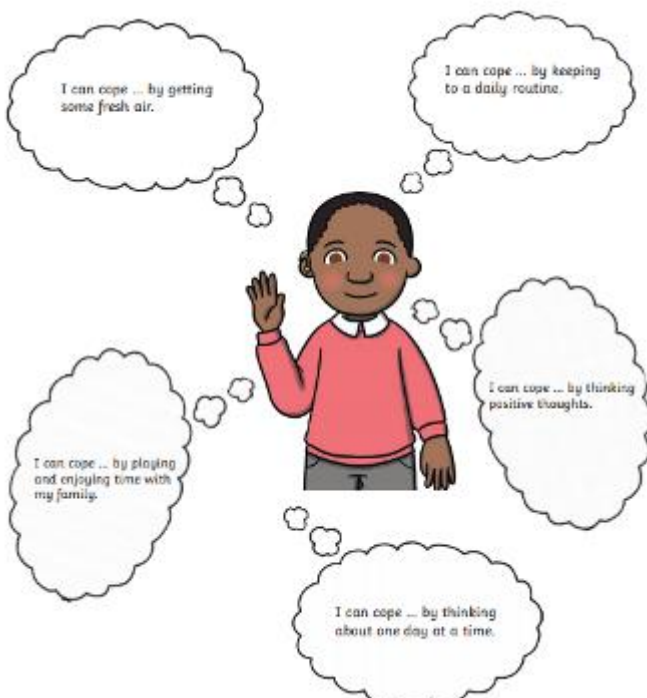
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Example 2

Now you have talked about what is worrying you, look at the ideas in this example and talk about whether they may help you to feel better.

Talk through the example with an adult and then complete your own.



Copies of the examples and blank templates of both activities will be shared on Seesaw, if you wish to use them with your child.

Begin to Change

A FREE 20-WEEK EMPOWERMENT COURSE FOR WOMEN with AWARD-WINNING ARTS COMPANY VERD DE GRIS ARTS using creativity to build confidence, self esteem and develop opportunities.

A COURSE DESIGNED FOR YOU

Funded by European Social Fund & Groundwork UK this course has been designed to support local women who have been unemployed for more than 6 months. That may mean back into employment or support with looking for work for the first time. It also helps women looking to return to education, offering tailored support around access courses, training and skills development.

Having worked with women's groups for over 20 years we know that a big issue for some women is low self-confidence, low self-esteem and anxiety: e.g. not valuing yourself and what you have to offer, returning to the workplace after bringing up a family, not having worked before or having few qualifications.

This course uses creativity to address many of these issues.

This course has been designed to be responsive to the needs of women in Calderdale. We can offer day or evening sessions and help with CVs, job search, access to further education courses and essential skills development

MAKING CHANGE THROUGH CREATIVITY

"I am knowing who I am. It helped me find more confidence - true confidence not just an act." Nadia

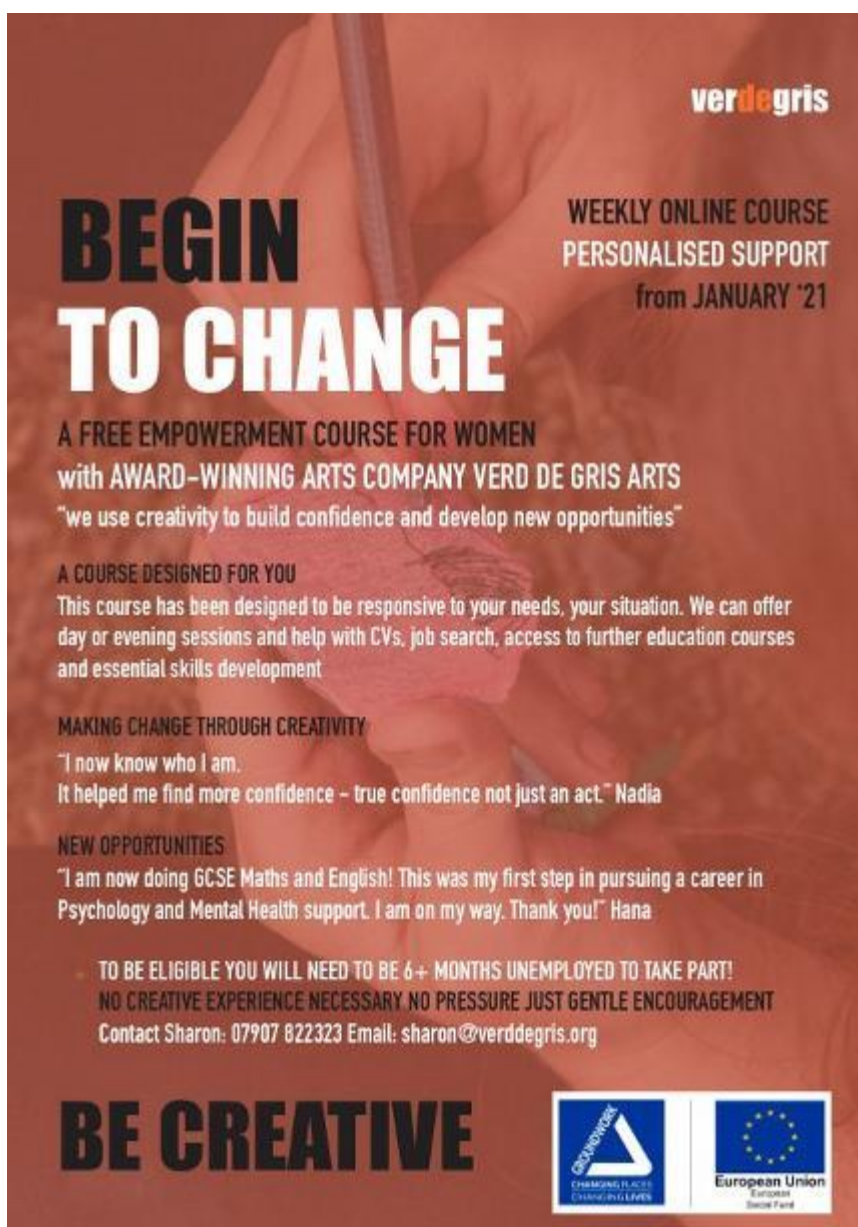
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

"I am now doing GCSE Maths and English! This was my first step in pursuing a career in Psychology and Mental Health support. I am on my way. Thank you!" Hana

For more information please contact Sharon:

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TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU WILL NEED TO BE 6+ MONTHS UNEMPLOYED TO TAKE PART!
NO CREATIVE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY NO PRESSURE JUST GENTLE ENCOURAGEMENT
Contact Sharon: 07907 822323 Email: sharon@verddegris.org

BE CREATIVE



Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Research Project

Check out the new courses below starting soon; there are some great tips/advice for positive family relationships and help to manage stress and anger. There are **£40** worth of vouchers to be given to parents for their help with the questionnaires.

About the programme

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC) is a free inclusive course to help parents and carers raise happy confident children, from ages 3-18 years.

This is a popular programme for anyone raising children. We welcome parents and carers from all backgrounds who would like to build on their parenting skills and build positive relationships with their children.

SFSC runs for 3 hours a week for 13 weeks. Some groups provide free childcare and refreshments

All groups end with a celebration and you will receive a certificate and a parent manual.



strengthening families
strengthening communities



The course aims to help you

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Gain confidence and communication skills
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Meet others and share ideas

"Children don't come with a manual, this is the next best thing"

"Take part in the study and make a difference to future families."



"This research is long overdue! No matter how good a parent you think you are, you certainly can be a better one after the programme."

"I found it very supportive being part of a group and sharing ideas with other parents"

Programme details



Location: The Elsie Whiteley Innovation Centre, Hopwood Lane, Halifax. HX1 5ER

Start date: Tuesday 16th March 2021 (for 13 weeks)

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Facilities: Refreshments will be available and participants are also welcome to bring their own. Social distancing will be maintained throughout. Every parent will receive individual packs with paperwork, pens etc on arrival to reduce sharing and ensure everyone's safety during the session. Unfortunately we are not able to provide a crèche for this course. Further details will be provided once your place is confirmed.

Contact: Noreen Salfar: 01422 434 880
Beverley Thompson: 07741671782

Location: Holy Nativity Church, Sunny Bank Road, Misenden, Halifax. HX2 8RX

Start date: Thursday 18th March 2021 (for 13 weeks)

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Facilities: Refreshments will be available and participants are also welcome to bring their own. Social distancing will be maintained throughout. Every parent will receive individual packs with paperwork, pens etc on arrival to reduce sharing and ensure everyone's safety during the session. Unfortunately we are not able to provide a crèche for this course. Further details will be provided once your place is confirmed.

Contact: Julia Brierley: 07852174007
Beverley Thompson: 07741671782

Are you a parent with children aged 3-18?

Do you want to help shape services for the future?

Come and be part of a study to promote family wellbeing!



This project is part of a national research study, led by UCL, and funded by the National Institute of Health Research.

We are asking parents to complete **four** questionnaires over the course of a year and you will get **£40** of vouchers if you complete them all.

You will take part in a **free** 13 week programme for parents, which is designed to help parents build positive relationships with their children.