# Family life



North East Hampshire: Aldershot, Fleet, Farnborough and Yateley (Updated Jan 2023)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis has repeatedly brought sudden changes for families with children. Parenting can be very rewarding. However, in these uncertain and challenging times you may be feeling stressed as you try to balance work, childcare and self-care while dealing with worries - both your children's and your own. In recognition of this, we have put together some of the best reliable and free sources of information and advice to help you and your family to cope.

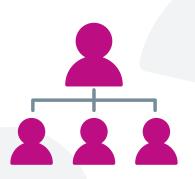
#### Best for advice to support family life during the COVID-19 pandemic



#Coping

NSPCC click here	Tips and advice to help you find balance and create structure working from home. Also tips for talking to a child worried about coronavirus.
Family Lives click here	Practical and emotional advice on family life including life during the pandemic.
Relate click here	Blogs, advice and tips for helping your relationships to stay healthy.

### **Best for parenting tips**



Programme click here  Access code	ine Parenting  e: PARENTING  rth East Hampshire	Online parenting guides – bump to 19 years, for parents/carers and parents-to-be, including top tips from childcare, education and NHS experts.
Family Lives Online click here	s – Parents Together	Online parenting course in six interactive blocks filled with techniques and ideas to help you become a more confident and happier parent.
Parent TV c	hannel	The website also has a range of short videos with instant parenting tips on Family Lives' Parentchannel.tv.
Mind Ed for click here	r Families	Written by experts and parents together, this provides materials for parents and carers of children and teens struggling with mental health issues.
Maudsley C click here	harity videos	Short videos from the Maudsley Charity with science-backed tips and tricks to help parents during this stressful time.

Online safety – As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child stay safe online. See <u>www.saferinternet.org.uk</u> and <u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u> for more information.

### **Best for support from other parents**

Family Lives forum		
<u>click here</u>		

Family Lives forums are a safe space for families to share dilemmas, experiences and issues with others who understand the ups and downs of family life.



## Best for helping your child or young person with their mental health

Every Minds Matters-Looking after a child or young person's mental health click here	Top tips to support children and young people including going back to school or college and signs something is wrong.
YoungMinds click here	Lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child.
Anna Freud Centre <u>Videos</u>	Separate videos to support young people and their families, and try to minimise the impact of the pandemic on their mental health.
Self-care resources	Simple self-care resources also available.
Childline: Coronavirus advice mental health advice	Tips and advice to help children cope with coming out of lockdown and to support their mental health.
<u>Calm Zone</u>	Help children to overcome stress and anxiety.
Partnership for Children click here	Online resources include resilience- building activities to help children to deal with change and uncertainty during the coronavirus pandemic and beyond.



## Best for your own wellbeing



Mind click here	Lots of advice to support your wellbeing.
TalkPlus 01252 533355 click here	TalkPlus provides support to people aged 16+ with common mental health problems including treatments for stress, anxiety, low mood, depression, panic, phobias and OCD. For self-referral, please use this <u>form</u> or call the contact number.
Every Mind Matters click here	Expert advice from the NHS to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.

## Best for if you feel you need more help



Family Lives helpline 0808 800 2222 click here  Open: Mon - Fri 9am - 9pm and Sat - Sun 10am - 3pm	Free and confidential national helpline service for families. Offers emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life.
YoungMinds parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 click here Open: Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm	Free and confidential national helpline. Offers advice to parents/carers worried about a child or young person under 25 years old. Advice on a child's behaviour, emotional wellbeing or mental health condition.

Family Information Services provide FREE impartial information and guidance about a wide range of services for children, young people and their families. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

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