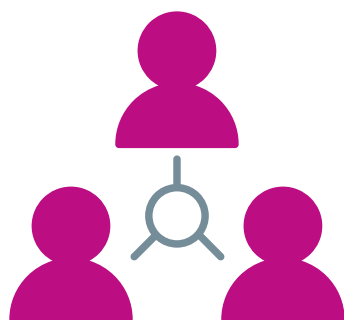




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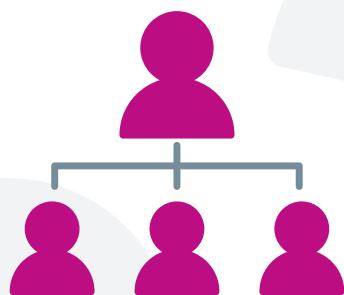
The coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis has repeatedly brought sudden changes for families with children. Parenting can be very rewarding. However, in these uncertain and challenging times you may be feeling stressed as you try to balance work, childcare and self-care while dealing with worries – both your 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 under lockdown.

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



NSPCC <a href="#">click here</a>	Tips and advice to support you and your family – whether you want to try something new today or just start thinking about changes you could make over the coming weeks.
Family Lives <a href="#">click here</a>	Advice on coping during the outbreak, both practically and emotionally.
Relate <a href="#">click here</a>	Blogs, advice and tips for helping your relationships to stay healthy.

### Best for parenting tips



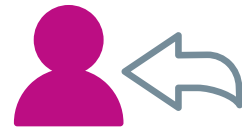
Solihull Online Parenting Programme <a href="#">click here</a>  Access code: Acorn *Free for Surrey residents	Online parenting guides – bump to 19 years, for parents/carers and parents-to-be, including top tips from childcare, education and NHS experts.
Family Lives – Parents Together Online <a href="#">click here</a>  <a href="#">Parent TV channel</a>	Online parenting course in six interactive blocks filled with techniques and ideas to help you become a more confident and happier parent.  The website also has a range of short videos with instant parenting tips on Family Lives’ Parentchannel.tv.
Mind Ed for Families <a href="#">click here</a>	Written by experts and parents together, this provides materials for parents and carers of children and teens struggling with mental health issues.
Maudsley Charity videos <a href="#">click here</a>	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 [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk) and [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for more information.

## Best for support from other parents

Family Lives forum  
[click here](#)

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 during the COVID-19 outbreak

Public Health England –  
Guidance on supporting  
children and young people’s  
mental health and wellbeing  
[click here](#)

Advice for parents and carers on how to look after the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people of all ages during the pandemic.

YoungMinds  
[click here](#)

Tips, advice and where to get support for your child’s mental health during the COVID-19 crisis.

Anna Freud Centre  
[Videos](#)

Separate videos for young people and for parents/carers provide targeted advice and guidance on dealing with the disruption caused by the coronavirus.

[Self-care resources](#)

Simple self-care resources also available.

[Childline:](#)  
[Coronavirus advice](#)

Information about the coronavirus and simple tips and advice to help children cope during the lockdown.

[Calm Zone](#)

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.



## Best for ideas and activities to keep children busy and entertained

HomeStart  
[click here](#)

Great practical ideas for activities to do with children of all ages if you’re self-isolating or practicing social distancing.

Homestart also provide practical and emotional support to struggling families.

Chatterpack  
[click here](#)

A list of free online boredom-busting resources.



## Best for your own wellbeing



Mind <a href="#">click here</a>	Lots of advice to support your wellbeing.
Talking Therapies	A free NHS service for anyone aged 18+ who may be struggling with stress, sleep issues, low mood and anxiety. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surrey Heath residents can choose from a <a href="#">range of organisations</a>.</li><li>• Farnham residents please contact <a href="#">Talk Plus</a></li></ul>
Public Health England – Guidance on the mental health and wellbeing aspects of COVID-19 <a href="#">click here</a>	Advice and information on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Includes a full guide and an easy read version.
Every Mind Matters <a href="#">click here</a>	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 <a href="#">click here</a>	Free and confidential national helpline service for families. Offers emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life.
Open: Mon - Fri 9am - 9pm and Sat - Sun 10am - 3pm	
YoungMinds parents' helpline 0808 802 5544 <a href="#">click here</a>	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.
Open: Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4pm	
Boloh 0800 1512605 <a href="#">click here</a>	The Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic family Covid-19 Helpline. Free emotional support and practical advice from Barnardo's. Also available in multiple languages.
Open: Mon - Fri 10am - 8pm and Sat - Sun 10am - 3pm	

**Family Information Services** provide FREE impartial information and guidance about a wide range of services for children, young people and their families. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Also available

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Young person's guide

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Five Ways to Wellbeing