

Useful Websites

1. Childcare

Kent Children's Information Service

08000 32 32 30

KentCIS@kent.gov.uk

Kent's Children's Information Service provides high quality information to parents/carers throughout Kent. Offering up-to-date comprehensive, accurate and impartial information and guidance about childcare, training and other relevant childcare issues.

National Childminders Association

The NCMA website gives useful information about finding, or becoming, a childminder

0800 169 4486

ncma.org.uk

2. Varied Menu of Activities

Dartford Borough Council Website has pages covering a range of activities for children and young people.

<http://winweb.dartford.gov.uk/organisations/ClubDisplayFormOracle.asp>

Kent Sports Development Website. The 'Find Your Sport' Pages help you to find how to get involved in a particular sport, including links to local clubs or contacts of umbrella organisations that can signpost to local clubs.

<http://www.kentsport.org/sports.cfm>

Kent Youth Services website has links to Duke of Edinburgh Award, youth provision within Kent and a link to **togogo** – a new website for Kent with a searchable database of a wide range of activities.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/youth-services/youth-and-communities/>

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/youth-services/youth-and-communities/togogo.htm

3. Parenting Support

ParentsCentre - helping you to help your child

Information and support for parents on how to help with your child's learning, including advice on choosing a school and finding childcare.

<http://www.parentscentre.gov.uk/>

Directgov - the official government website for citizens

Easy access to the public services you use and the information you need, delivered by the UK government. The following link takes you to a page of information covering a range of parent issues.

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/index.htm>

Parentline Plus

Registered charity, offering support to anyone parenting a child. Free phone helpline, courses for parents, innovative projects and information for parents.

www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Parentline: 0808 800 2222

Dartford and Gravesham Women's aid

A supportive website for families experiencing domestic violence

www.womnsaid.org

01322 384792

Gingerbread

Telephone advice, information and support for lone parents
0800 018 5026

www.gingerbread.org.uk

Kent Resource Directory

This on-line directory brings together information about services, activities, support and guidance for children and young people, aged 0 -19 years, parents and practitioners across Kent.

www.krd.org.uk/index.aspx

4. Community Access (Including Adult Learning)

Kent Adult Education

Details and booking of courses being offered across Kent. Also gives detail of local Skill Plus Centres

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/adult-and-community/>

Up my Street

Lists halls for hire in Dartford

<http://www.upmystreet.com/UK/findmynearest/community/function-rooms-and-halls-for-hire/results/in/Dartford.html>

Dartford Borough Council Website has pages covering a range of topics including leisure opportunities

<http://www.dartford.gov.uk/livinleisure/>

5. Swift and Easy Access to Specialist Services

Partnership with Parents

Tel: 01622 755515

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-learning/special-and-additional-education/partnership-with-parents/>

Partnership with Parents (PwP) is funded by Kent County Council for parents, carers and schools, but operates at 'arms-length' from the authority. Our role is to inform and empower parents/carers on all aspects of educational needs to help make decisions that are right for the child.

The Parents Consortium

Free and confidential information for parents of children with any form of physical, learning or sensory impairment

www.parentsconsortium.co.uk

01322 66761