

## Parenting & Family Support

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<b>Opening Times:</b>	Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm and 1.00pm - 5.00pm Friday 9.00am - 12.30pm and 1.00pm - 4.30pm

<b>Link to SEN Matrix:</b>	All Profiles
<b>Service aims:</b>	To provide some advice, information and guidance to parents on the Isle of Wight. A Parenting Handbook has been produced for all those in a parenting role that acknowledges that whether you're a mother, father, step-parent, grandparent or carer, having to deal with the numerous and varied issues a child will encounter between birth and eventually leaving home is a huge challenge.
<b>To access the support:</b>	There are qualified staff trained to work with parents who can provide support and information to parents/carers on a range of subjects and in a variety of models i.e. Parenting Courses; Parent Workshops in schools/children's centres; individual support. Contact Penny Crossley for advice about how to make contact or access relevant support or use these contacts described in the Parenting Handbook.
<b>Method of support:</b>	The handbook offers ideas, advice and childcare choices for families and information related to support for children with disabilities. The handbook has been created in response to a request from parents and carers on the Island for more support and is also one of the five key priorities identified within the Children and Young People's Plan, launched earlier this year.
<b>More Info available:</b>	<a href="http://www.iwight.com/parents">www.iwight.com/parents</a> Isle of Wight Parenting Handbook