

Some of the comments from parents about what could make life better for them and their families have been included below:

- Better play facilities
- More affordable and free activities for children
- Safety - more visible policing
- School places
- Flexible and supportive working
- Services joining up more, ie schools and health
- Better support from the council

Parents also made additional comments about what should be included in the Children and Young People's Plan, some of these comments are below:

- Facilities/activities for children: Better playgrounds and play facilities, more affordable activities for children of all ages
- Schools: good schools, more school places with choice within the local area, local access to good secondary schools
- More information/advice for parents
- More support for children and their families
- Public transport to be safer for children
- Music/arts for children on low incomes
- Helping Kingston be a safe and secure area to live

"This is a brilliant scheme for bringing all families together and in such a fun place"

"A good opportunity to have your say. Thank you for the free day out!"

**What you thought of the day...**

"A good opportunity to see what is available in our area"

"FANTASTIC. It's nice to be with the family"

"Excellent, well set out. Fun for children and lots of information"

# Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2013 Consultation Summary



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An event was held at Chessington World of Adventures to find out what Parents Forum members thought about the aims set out in the Children and Young People's Plan, 2009-2013. Below is a summary of what parents told us at the event.

### Getting Ready for School 87 parents rated the following areas...

43%	Good health services	52%	Good nurseries
55%	Support for parents	64%	Areas to play with other children
43%	Childcare help and advice	54%	Information about schools

Parents told us what would help them when their children are under 5:

- **Play facilities:** eg more activities in school holidays for under 5's, more playgroups, stay and play activities throughout the year, café with play area
- **Childcare:** eg more affordable childcare options, a list of childcare services/childminders, more support with childcare, crèche services
- **Nurseries/schools:** eg good nurseries, less worry about school places, more nursery places in preferred schools, Sure Start nurseries for under 3 years
- **Parent support and information:** eg information on how well schools/nurseries are doing, community groups, help getting back into work

### School and Home 86 parents rated the following areas...

49%	Every school is a good school	40%	No families living in poverty
74%	A supportive home	50%	Out of school and holiday activities
80%	Every child is helped to do the best they can		

Parents told us what was important to their families school and/or home life:

- **Relationship between school and home:** eg communication between school and parents, better access for parents to see head/teachers
- **Schools:** eg guaranteed local school place within walking distance of home, school choice, smaller classes, all schools equal in excellence
- **Home environment:** eg good communication and quality time between parents and children, praise, love and encouragement, and safe homes
- **Community:** that we work together for our children, knowing that there is always help around and feeling part of a community

### Health and Safety 86 parents rated the following areas...

72%	Healthy eating	74%	Children protected from harm
51%	Good, local health services	47%	Having someone to talk to for support and help
57%	Access to sporting and cultural activities		

Parents told us what is important in improving their families health and safety:

- **Accessible activities:** eg affordable sporting activities, family activities, organised children's activities available to all, sports activities in holidays
- **Schools:** eg healthy eating and healthy education at school, good access to a health visitor at school and clean school grounds
- **Transport:** eg more family friendly bike lanes and walking paths, cycle paths to and from school, better transport links to schools, school buses, more speed controls, traffic management and zebra crossings
- **Parent support and information:** eg family support, information on local clubs/classes for children, health visitor support for toddlers and local talks/advice and tips

### Becoming an Adult 86 parents rated the following areas...

16%	Specialist service to support disabled young people	44%	Being involved in your local community
63%	Knowing who to go to for help and advice	65%	Good life skills
50%	Good information on sex, drugs and alcohol	71%	Good information to help make the right choices about getting a job, education, or training

Parents told us what would help their family prepare for adult life:

- **Good values:** eg good role models, helping young people, understand their role and importance in society, good values and morals
- **Support for young people:** eg information and support for education/career choices, support with managing money and general support for teenagers
- **Social and leisure opportunities:** eg more youth clubs for teenagers, alternative leisure places, social group opportunities, safe places to go
- **Support for families/parents:** eg parent courses for challenging teenagers and Government support for families during recession