



# parents forum

## 2007/08 Summary

### Members

We currently have 1200 parents listed as members of the Parents Forum.

The 'Parents Forum' was launched in 2003 to give Kingston's parents a voice.

This is a summary of what we achieved together from April 2007 to April 2008.

### The Aims of the 'Parents Forum'

- To listen to the voice of Kingston's parents
- For parents views to impact onto Borough Services
- To provide an opportunity for parents to meet as a group
- To have consultations with Parents Forum members (one every term)
- To create a database of Parents/carers wishing to be involved with the Parents Forum

### School Fetes - June 2007

The Parents Forum wants to make sure that we have members from across the borough. We did a mapping exercise to see where our members live and we found that we had low numbers in some parts of the borough. We then contacted schools in these areas and visited school sports days and summer fetes to promote the Parents Forum at St Agatha's Primary, Coombe Hill Infant and Junior, St Matthew's Primary, Burlington Infant and Junior, Tolworth Infant and Junior and Malden Manor Primary. We also visited Kingston's Korean festival.



### Chessington World of Adventures – October 2007

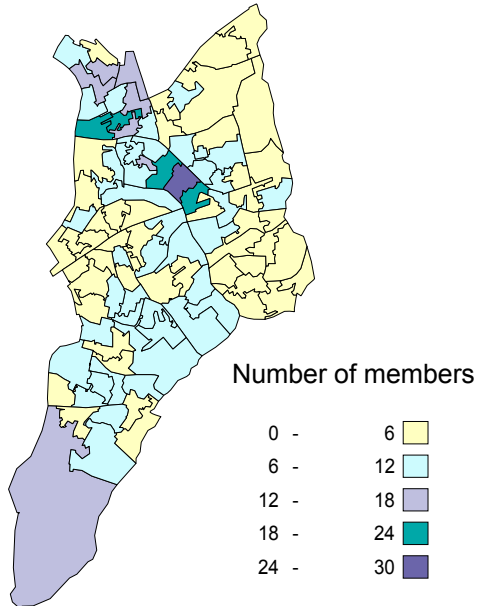
This event was held on the 20th October 2007 at Chessington World of Adventures. The day focussed on finding out what activities families enjoy doing in the borough and also provided information to families about the services the borough has to offer. Families were then free to enjoy a free day out at the theme park. The results from this consultation have been used to decide what information should be available in a new online Children's Service Directory.



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Parents Forum Membership Map  
May 2007



### Parents Forum Members Details - February 2008

It is important that we are able to contact our members about events that are coming up and for the information we hold to be accurate. This allows us to provide you with information on family events and consultations that might be of interest to you. We have done some of this updating by telephone and will be writing to parents to confirm their family details shortly (e.g. Ages of children, whether there is any disability in your family). Please remember to tell us if your contact details change so that we can tell you about events that are coming up.

### Parents views on services for young people - March 2008

In March 2008 we sent a questionnaire to all members of the Parents Forum, to ask parents what they thought of activities and services available for young people in Kingston. Parents responses have been used by the Youth Service to understand what is important to parents and make sure that they meet the needs of young people today. Also one lucky family won a 'Family Day Out' including travel for 2 adults and 2 children aged 5-15 and entry to the London Aquarium.



### Organising and Funding

The Parents Forum is funded by the Children's Fund and organised by a group known as The Parents Forum Working Group. It has representatives from:

The Royal Borough of Kingston  
The Primary Care Trust

Kingston WelCare

EnhanceAble  
The Community Church

### Thank you for all your input in consultations over the last year!

Your views have helped the Families Information Service and the Youth Service in developing services for children, young people and families in Kingston.

### Join us...

To become a member of the Parents Forum please call 020 8547 6582.  
We look forward to consulting with you at future events.