

What activities do you think benefit young people the most?

70% of parents suggested sports activities would most benefit young people



What more could be done to help young people?

62% of parents felt that there could be more youth clubs and general activities available to young people to avoid boredom

Any other comments from parents:

- Lots of FREE or very cheap drop in centres for evenings, weekends & holidays
- Give lots of information via the schools
- Provide community centres for them to socialise
- Good role models. Meeting members of community with particular jobs, i.e. police & ambulance service, Careers advice
- More workshops available
- Drop in centres, out of school clubs and activities

Thank you for all your comments about local services in Kingston for parents, children and young people.

If you would like a full copy of the report please email:

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or call **020 8547 5247**.



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**Parents Forum
Event
at the Rose Theatre
July 2009**



**Summary of what Parents Forum members
told us....**

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Parents' Charter

44 Parents Forum members told us their views on the Parents' Charter, please find a summary below:

Information

Is there enough information? Yes: **73%** No: 28%
Is there too much information? Yes: 36% No: **64%**

What

further information would you include? Comments included:

- Details of support schemes and places to go etc.
- Information on RBK Parenting Strategy needs to be included

Language

Is the language of the Charter too complicated? Yes: 22% No: **78%**
Is the language of the Charter too simple? Yes: 16% No: **84%**

Do you have any other comments about the style of language used?

Comments included:

- that the language was clear and simple
- that the language was good/fine
- that the language was un-inspiring
- 1 parent didn't like the word citizen

Presentation

Is the Charter too plain? Yes: 44% No: **56%**
Is the Charter too busy? Yes: 18% No: **82%**

Do you have any other comments on the presentation of the Charter? Comments included:

- Easy to read
- Boring/insignificant/not interesting
- Needs more colour
- The document needs to be expanded

Format: In what format would you like to see the Parents' Charter?

- 59%** A Leaflet you can take home
- 43%** A poster on display in public places
- 64%** As part of a larger booklet with other parenting information
- 11%** Other: more colourful, more detail needed and put the Charter online

Fathers' Charter

80% felt that there should not be a separate Fathers Charter. It was felt that a Charter for both parents would be best, or even a 'family charter'.

Other Comments about the Parents Charter:

Other comments included Parents Forum members asking for it to be clearer why the Parents Charter is needed/what is it for? Also there were comments on the document needing to be more eye-catching.

Integrated Youth Support Service

We also asked your views on the needs of young people in Kingston. Please find a summary below of what 45 Parents Forum members said.



At what times during your child's teenage years would you like support?

A high number of parents felt that they would most need support when:

- their child was **moving from Primary to Secondary School** (82%),
- their child was choosing their GCSE options (65%) and
- when leaving school at 16 (60%)

What information would be useful during your child's teenage years?

Parents all the following areas as important, particularly for children in their early teenage years:

Anger, Anti-Social behaviour, Sex and relationships and Drugs and Alcohol.

Where are the best places to get more information or receive support?

69% of parents felt that the **website** was the best place to get more information.

46% of parents felt that **drop in services** were the best way to receive support.