

## What is Talking Teens?

Teenagers are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but being a parent of one can be stressful and challenging.

The Talking Teens Parent Group helps deal with those challenges so you can have a calmer, happier family life.

A tried and tested Programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel and looks at questions that many parents have, like:

How can I stop my child always getting the last word?

Why do they always sleep in so late?

Can I do anything to help them argue less?

What's normal?

Why don't they want to tell me how they're feeling?

Inside every teenager is a child and an adult

## The Four Sessions

- 1: Being a parent of a teenager;  
The role of parents for teenagers;  
Responding to difficult feelings
- 2: Understanding your teenager;  
Understanding teenage development;  
Parenting styles; Praise and criticism
- 3: Communicating with your teenager;  
Talking and listening; Communicating clearly;  
Handling difficult issues
- 4: Managing conflict;  
Rules and boundaries;  
Choosing how to respond;  
Problem solving

## Practical information

There are four 2-hour sessions over four weeks

10-20 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with another relative or friend

You'll get the most out of the Programme if you come to all four sessions.

It's not what you say; it's what they hear

## How the Talking Teens Parent Group has helped other parents

"I realised that you're really needed as a parent even if your teenager behaves otherwise"

"I'm doing a better job than I thought I was"

"I like the time for discussion during the sessions"

"It has been really interesting and informative, both leaders great and lovely approach, felt very relaxed"



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## The Nurturing Programme Talking Teens Parent Group

### Where:

Bookham Baptist Church  
and Children's Centre  
Lower Road  
Bookham,  
KT23 3JB

### When:

2nd, 9th, 23rd Feb and 2nd March  
No session during half term. Time: 8-10pm

Cost: £20 for the 4 sessions, includes course book, materials and refreshments. Cash or cheques made payable to Bookham Baptist Church. If payment is an issue for anyone please speak to Rachel Wedd.

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## Information for parents and carers

