

# PARENT/ CARER INFORMATION SHEET

## Parenting for Challenging Behaviour – Group support

**How Long?** There are 6 weekly sessions for 2 hours

**Who is it  
for?**

Parents and carers of children aged 3–9

**What is it  
about?**

The sessions use a guided self help approach, introducing positive parenting strategies based on cognitive behavioural therapy and social learning theory. It aims to strengthen parent/carer–child interactions, increase your confidence and your child's positive behaviour and break any patterns of escalating or challenging behaviour. This is suitable if your child is demonstrating challenging behaviours and you would like to learn new ways to manage it by working as part of a small group of parents/ carers.

**What will  
happen?**

Your EMHP (Education Mental Health Practitioner) will introduce a topic each week and you will explore it as a group. Topics include learning about your child's behaviour, enhancing children's communication, using praise as motivation and using routines and boundaries to set limits. We also teach strategies to manage challenging behaviours such as withdrawal of attention and using calm time. You will be expected to practice skills at home each week and discuss progress in your sessions

You have the right to opt out of any support offered to you from the Metal health support team. If you wish to access support at a later time, please contact your school Mental health lead.

Disclaimer: This leaflet only gives general information. You must always discuss the individual treatment of your child with the appropriate member of staff. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment. This information can be made available in other languages and formats if requested.

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