

North Somerset Parent Partnership Forum – How to use the Parents’ Message Board

Viewing discussions on the Parents’ Message Board

If you are new to the Message Board please take a moment to read the Conditions of Use.

Having done that click on the link to accept the conditions of use and visit the message board. You will see this screen, the message board index:

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FORUM	TOPICS	POSTS	LAST POST
About this messageboard - FAQs This section is about how the messageboard works and what it's intended for. You'll find advice on how to use it here. If you have any problems using it or suggestions for how it could be improved please post them here or email messageboard@nsppf.org.uk .	5	5	by userchris Wed Oct 14, 2009 11:09 am
Advice for Parents from Parents From "Working Together" a SEN partnership manual supporting parents and schools in partnership in North Somerset produced by Supportive Parents. All comments here were provided by parents of children with SEN. We would particularly like to thank parents from a Bristol support group for their support and valued contributions Moderator: Anne-Marie Heath	9	22	by magpie Fri Nov 06, 2009 11:24 am
Vol Reps Feedback Reps from local voluntary groups meet North Somerset staff once a term. This section of the NSPPF Message Board is for discussion of issues raised at these meetings or which parents would like to see raised at future meetings Moderator: Anne-Marie Heath	1	2	by userchris Tue Aug 25, 2009 10:35 am
Current Issues This section is for discussion of wider issues that affect parents and their children such as the Lamb Inquiry into Special Education Needs, due to report in October 2009. Moderator: Anne-Marie Heath	1	1	by userchris Sun Oct 11, 2009 4:52 pm
Local News and Events For local groups working with children with complex additional needs and their parents or carers to provide information about their services and events; for example, activity events, fund-raising events, and news about new groups in North Somerset. Moderator: Anne-Marie Heath	1	1	by userchris Mon Oct 19, 2009 9:45 am

At the top is a section explaining what the message board is for and how it works. Below are for sections; Advice from Parents to Parents, Vol Reps Feedback, Current Issues and Local News and Events. You can explore each section by clicking on the blue heading. In the Advice for Parents from Parents are several topics starting with Ideas for short breaks:

Advice for Parents from Parents

Moderator: Anne-Marie Heath

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TOPICS	REPLIES	VIEWS	LAST POST
ideas for short breaks by magpie » Fri Nov 06, 2009 11:24 am	0	3	by magpie Fri Nov 06, 2009 11:24 am
Initial concerns about a child by adminchris » Tue Aug 04, 2009 8:51 am	3	26	by kimmie80 Tue Sep 29, 2009 11:14 pm

Click on the blue header to read the topic and the replies. Here's an example:

The screenshot shows the NSPPF forum interface. At the top is a blue header with the NSPPF logo and the text 'North Somerset Parents Participation Forum'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Board index < Advice for Parents from Parents'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a topic titled 'ideas for short breaks' by user 'magpie'. The post content discusses the need for short breaks for children with high-functioning ASD. A 'POSTREPLY' button is visible on the left. At the bottom, there is a 'Return to Advice for Parents from Parents' link and a 'Jump to:' dropdown menu.

Under the title Ideas for short breaks is the user name of the contributor. We urge parents to protect their real identities by using anonymous names like this one. Note the red button for posting a reply. You can reply or post a new topic as a guest or you can register as a user.

Registering as a Message Board user

This screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the forum. It includes a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a link for 'Advanced search'. In the bottom right corner of the bar, there are links for 'FAQ', 'Register', and 'Login'.

Click the link that says Register on message board index page. Click Agree terms to bring up the screen below where you can enter a User name, password and your email address.

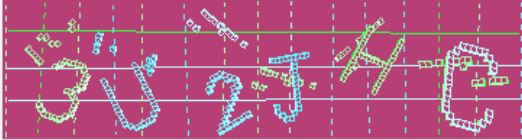
The screenshot shows the registration form for the NSPPF forum. The title is 'North Somerset Parents Participation Forum - Registration'. A warning message states: 'Please note that you will need to enter a valid e-mail address before your account is activated. The administrator will review your account and if approved you will receive an e-mail at the address you specified.' The form contains five input fields: 'Username:' (with a note that length must be between 3 and 20 characters), 'E-mail address:', 'Confirm e-mail address:', 'Password:' (with a note that length must be between 6 and 30 characters), and 'Confirm password:'.

Having confirmed your password you need to enter a registration code displayed as an image. This is a security device. Having typed in the code exactly as it appears click Submit. If necessary click Refresh confirmation code to change the image, or click Reset to start again.

CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

To prevent automated registrations the board requires you to enter a confirmation code. The code is displayed in the image you should see below. If you are visually impaired or cannot otherwise read this code please contact the [Board Administrator](#).

Confirmation code:



Enter the code exactly as it appears. All letters are case insensitive, there is no zero. If you cannot read the code you can request a new one by clicking the button.

Your request for registration will be sent to the system administrator for approval and you will receive a notification by email that your registration has been successful. You can then login with your user name and password and begin contributing to the message board discussions.

Logging in as a Registered User

There is a link to log in top right on the message board index most other screens. You can now go to a topic and click the red Post Reply link to bring up a screen like this:

ideas for short breaks

POST A REPLY

Subject:

Type your reply in the box, then click Preview to see how it will look. When finished click Submit to store it for review by a Moderator. All replies and new topics submitted are reviewed by Moderators before appearing on the message board.

Contributions can be also entered on this screen by pasting from Word.

What Moderators do

Moderators review all replies and new topics to ensure that everything appearing complies with the message board conditions of use.

Further Help

If you need help getting started with the Message Board please email messageboard@nsppf.org.uk
In 2010 we hope to run some events to encourage use of the Message Board. Details of these will be on the website when available.