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Dear all,

I am writing to you as a hub of the community to draw your attention to support available for struggling families and to ask your help in raising awareness of a valuable local service.

Home-Start Kennet is a local community network of volunteers, who provide expert support in helping families with young children (under 5) through challenging times. They offer compassionate support for families across Devizes, Marlborough, Tidworth and Pewsey, without judgement. This might be helping parents to connect with the most appropriate local services to seek further help, supporting new parents or offering guidance and emotional support to families who are experiencing challenges such as isolation, separation, financial worries bereavement and poor mental or physical health.

In 2020 many of the usual routes (through parenting groups or conversations in schools) in which a family might connect with Home-Start Kennet were cut off by the lockdown, and they are very keen that any families who might need them know about them, and how they can still access support in these turbulent times.

Home-Start Kennet have changed their ways of working over the past year, but their message remains the same. Where home support is currently not possible, due to social distancing rules, phone support and outdoor visiting (in line with government guidelines) has been put in place, and they have also launched a text service to make accessing help even easier. Text Family to 66777.

As we are now in a new period of lockdown, this message is more important than ever. I would be grateful if you could share details of Home-Start Kennet with any families in your community who you feel may benefit, or display their details on local noticeboards, or your websites. (See enclosed information. Electronic versions of posters and leaflets are available to share too.) Home-Start can be reached at www.homestartkennet.co.uk, email hskadmin@homestartkennet.co.uk or by calling 01672 569457.

Best wishes,

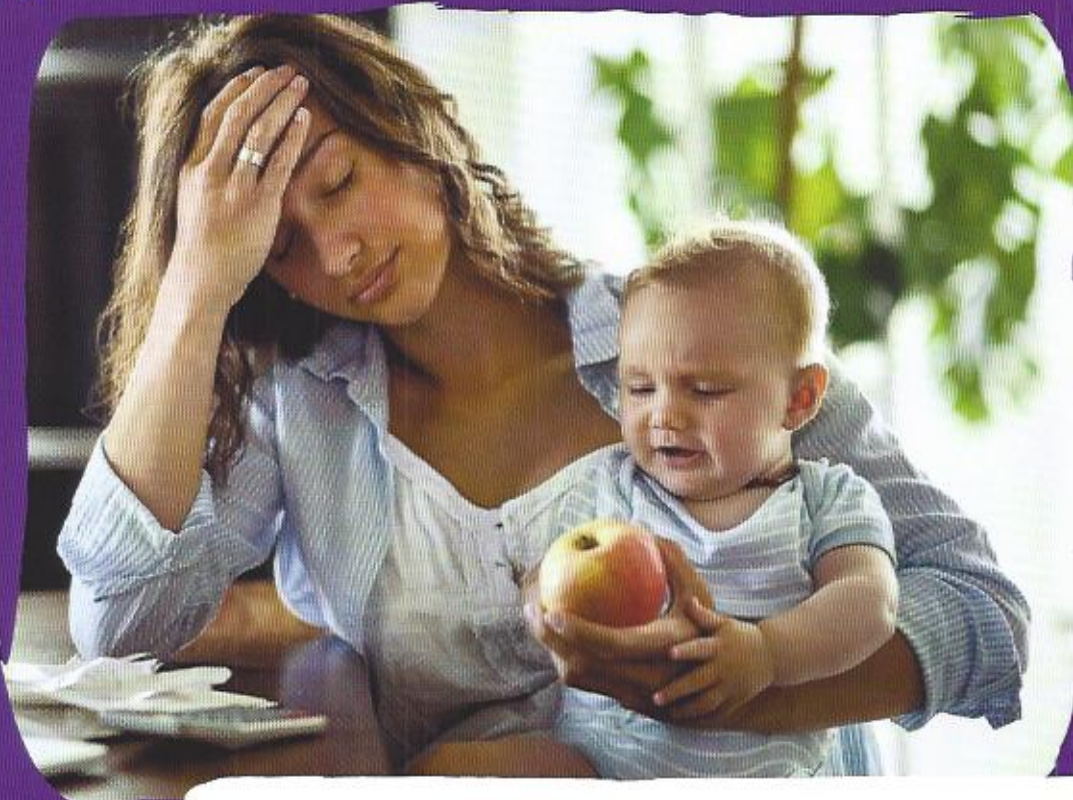
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**ARE YOU OKAY?
FEELING OVERWHELMED?**

Text FAMILY to 66777
(to make asking for help that bit easier)



We'd love to hear from you.

**Home-Start helps families experiencing tough times by
giving weekly emotional and practical support**

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